WERNECKE, William L. and Martha
6250 Wayne
Chicago, Illinois

Promoters of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, which holds meetings at the Veni Bldg., 876 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill. This bldg. is owned by Mrs. Clara WERNECKE. Martha WERNECKE is also member of Modern Problems Committee. Additional information of subject:
FARM:
Newport Township, adjoining (Onwentsia Club Property) about one mile east of Millburn (Route #5).
Farm - with 5 or 6 white barns; 1 house; 3 or 4 sheds; 2 or 3 dogs; 13 saddle horses; chevolet tudor - black - 1937. Married, no children. 1 farm hand. WIFE: 19-20 yrs of age, dark comlex; dark hair; 5' 4"; weight 105 lbs.
PERSONAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:
Age: 32 yrs. Height: 5' 10½"; Weight: 205 lbs; black hair; Florid complex; full lips; High school education; Member of the following Organizations: Silver Shirts; White Camellia; Irish American Patriotics; German American Bund; Vigillantes. Chairman of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations. ~~xxxxxxx~~
Originator: Hiawatha Gun Club.
Believed to been arrested in recent Silver-Shirt riots in Chicago. Is son of Mrs. WERNECK, employed by Standard Oil Co., in Chicago.

11 September 1939;

65-582-1
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 13 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

6/5/59 JP 22.) Letter to William Wernecke 2/12/58 from Charles Kelly Valdosta, Georgia.
" " 23.) Letter addressed to Mrs. Betty Matzner, cc of affadavit re William B. Werenecke, cc letter addressed to Mrs. Wernecke.

10/25/60 ch 24) One photo of William Bernard Wernecke & negative
Note: This photo appeared in Cy Amer. 2-18-59 p. 1 col 4

7-18-61 25) 1 @ photostatic copy each of 3 complaints
NB made by Wernecke to McHenry County SO

3-19-62 26) Negatives & photos of Sonny & Jay Chadwick
leg
5/3/65 (27) One copy of John Miller's
fingerprints.

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JUN 5 1959
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Date Received 5/25/59

From Mrs. Helen Barbier
(Name of contributor)
125 Sycamoreside
(Address of contributor)
J. W. Toedt
(Name of Specimen sent)
Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Location:
Letter to wm evernuche 2/12/59
from chas. Kelly, Valdosta, Ga
65-5-82-1822

1 cc of Application card enclosed with
down letter sent to Bur 6/1/59
1 cc of Application card enclosed with
down letter sent to AT 6/1/59
lgm

Letter sent to
Buro 10/27/61
Returned 11-16-61

65-58227-622

Dear Bill,

Feb. I2, I9%59

I am engaged in one of,the toughest fights ive ever been in. I have been exposing theJewish dominated U. S. Klans with head_ quarters in Atlanta Ga.

This fight has been going on ever since the early part ,pf October of last year.

I visite d Peter L. Xavier in Dayton Ohio the last week of September for a weeks vacation. Pete is my able assistant in the battle.

The real head of this Klan is C. H. Klein a jew living in Atlanta Ga. The acting head is E. L. Edwards a spray painter at one of the Automobile Plants in Atlanta.

Did you ever have the priveldge of meeting Bill Hendrix? Bill has sent me much valu able information proving that Klein is hedd of organization.

Information is pouring daily from all parts of the South, all in our favour.

Alert all Patriots in Chicago area of this sinister jew plot. I cannot begin to tell you here of devilish tricks they have pulled in the past. Within six months time two F. B. I. spies were in the outfit. One was in aKlavern in Lakeland Fla, the other in Atlanta.

E. L. Rogers the one who testified against those boys in At lanta was the other.

They tried their damnest to get those Boys sent up the River.

ShowBeauharnais thas letter next time you,see him.

Tell Allen Mann out at Hinsdale all about this, Max Nelsen an all others.

As this case progresses i will mail you further information.

I can,t tell at present which side Parson Jack Johnsin is on. All other patriots in Southh have alined with us.

I am mailing to you some applications to the new organization that i am organizing for. Show them to your friends.

I have already established the hard core here. We are organizing all over the south now.

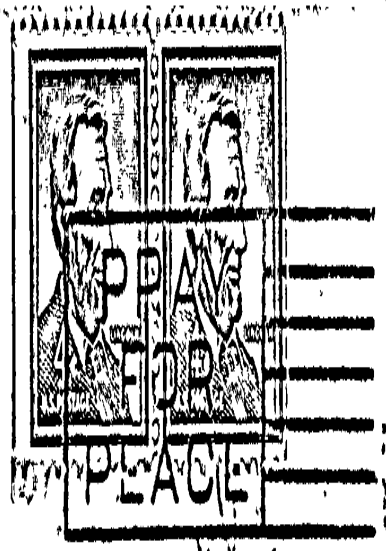
In the last battle for the White Race.

Charles Kelly

Mr. Charles Kelly

Route 8
Valdosta, Ga.





Mr. William Wernecke
Route I
Huntley. Ill

65-582-1822

NATIONAL ANTI-COMMUNIST LEGIONEERS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name_____

Address_____ Sex_____

_____ State_____

I pledge my life and property against all forms of socialism and Communism. If accepted for membership I solemnly promise to uphold the traditions of States Rights, National traditions, especially SEGREGATION OF THE RACES, the RIGHT TO WORK LAWS as opposed by the AFL-CIO, the NAACP, the URBAN LEAGUE, the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, the AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC ACTION organization, the COMMUNIST CONTROLLED LEFT WING POLITICIANS and other AMERICAN HATING individuals and organizations.

Donations: $5.00 per year

EDWARD G. BALL
Commanding General

Charles Kelly
General Agent
Valdosta, Georgia

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev.

Date Received 5/25/59

From Mrs. Helen Babian
(Name of contributor)

1257 Kennyside
(Address of contributor)

J. W. Tocht
(Name of Specimen)

Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Disposition:

Letter addressed to Mrs. Betty Metzger
cc Affidavit re Wm B. Wehrenberg
cc Letter addressed to Mrs. Wehrenberg

No. 65-582-1A23

65-582-1A23

Mrs. Betty M etzner

1448 W. Balmoral Ave.

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Metzner;

It is imperitive that I see you and talk to you on a matter of thegreatest importance. This must be done in the very near future.

I will call you by phone and discuss the matter of when and where I can give you the information which you will discover to be of the greatest advantage to you.

Please do not mention this letter to any one I will explain when we meet, and I know you will agree

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours

Helena Yedgir

4619 N. Broadway

Chicago, Illinois

November 1st, 1958.

Dear Mrs. Wernecke;

I have been told by many people that you and others are slandering me and saying , (I am living with your husband, or have lived with him.)

I want you to know that I have (never lived with your husband) ~~I have never kept company with your husband, I have never been intimate~~ with your husband.

I did work for your husband for eight or ten weeks , doing typing , housecleaning, packing dishes, and valuable china, answering telephone, investigating stolen property, and scrubbing and cleaning, I did stay at the American Humane Church Resale Shop apartment at 6250 N. Wayne Ave. Chicago, Illinois, to act as a watchman and protect and guard property against theives and robbers. My sons and my sisters stayed at this apartment most of the time I was there. Your husband slept in his own room whenever he was in Chicago which was not often,

You may be assured there has never been any relationship between your husband and myself. I am in no way interested in your husband, and you may be well assured he is in no way interested in me.

I have three grown children two sons and one daughter, also two very respectable sisters, these I devote all of my time to. For them I must keep a good reputation , and therefor I act accordingly.

Iam only interested in one man , Mr. Gabrial Sargis, I have ~~gone with this man fifteen years., and I hope someday soon to marry him~~

Please refrain from insulting yourself, myself and your husband any further by circulating , slanderous, dirty, filthy and false, stories about myself and your husband ,

Yours truly

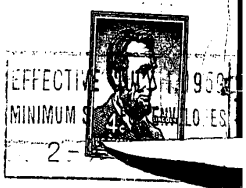
Helen Babian

P. S.

I tried to reach you by telephone to explain this matter but you insulted me and hung up. I think you are very rude.

Mrs. Helen Babian
C/O American Humane Church
Rt. 1 , Huntley , Illinois.





Mrs. Ruth Wernecke
5307 N. Damen Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

File No. 65-582 -1A 24

Date Received 10/5/60

From TONY BERARDI
(Name of contributor)
"Chicago American"
(Address of contributor)

By HAROLD R. EVANS
(Name of special Agent)

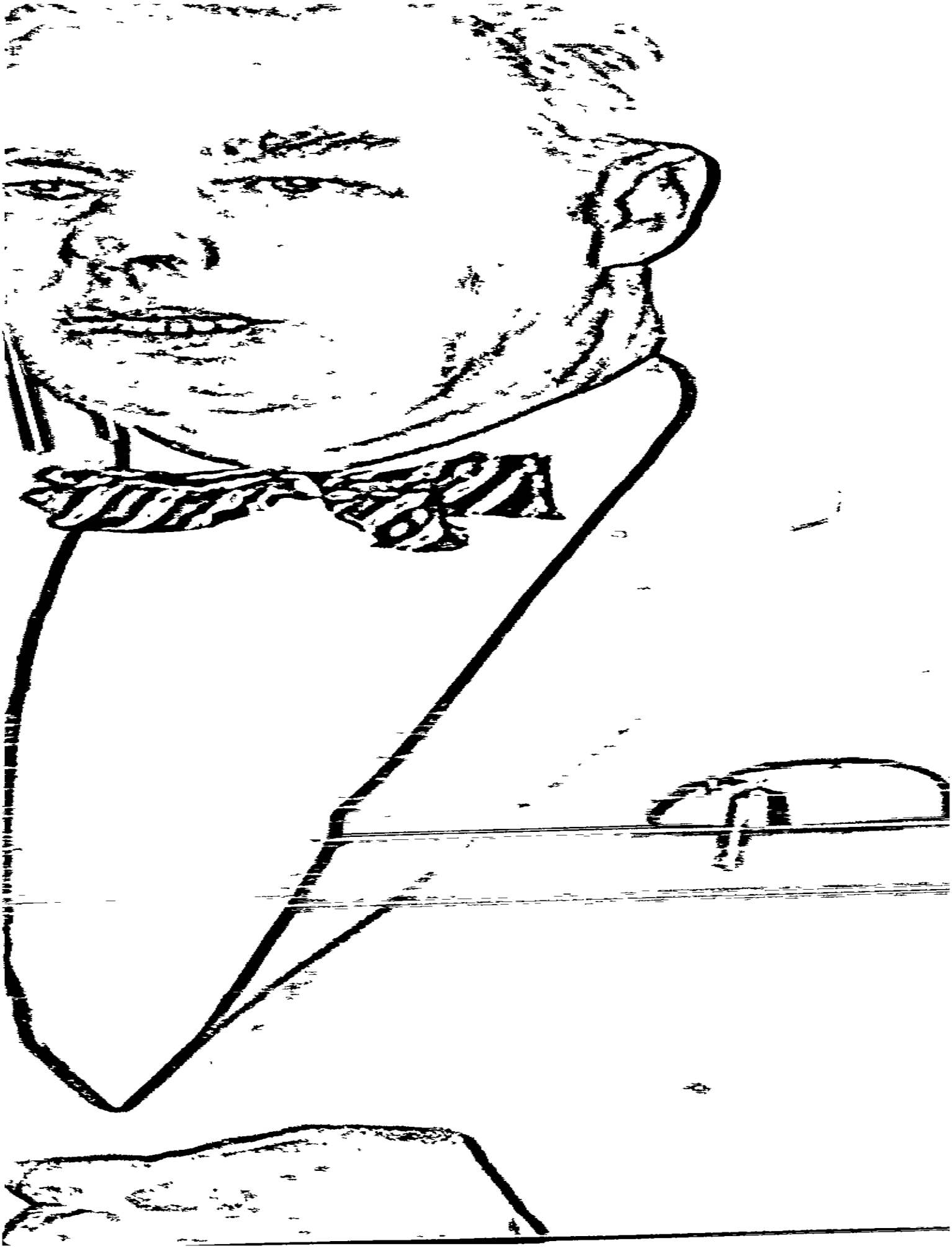
To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:

1. One (1) photograph of
William Bernard Wernecke

Note: This photograph appeared in Chicago American 2/18/60, page 1, col. 4

(Negative)



File No. 65-582-10 25

Date Received 9/6/61

From Dep Sheriff Henry Nuelle
(Name of contributor)

MC Henry County SO, Woodstock, Ill
(Address of contributor)

By J. W. Taedt
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (+)

Description:

1 photostatic copy each of 3 complaints made by Wernicke & MC Henry County SO.

OFFENSE REPORT — McHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

No. 2548

RECEIVED: BY: Rule; TIME: 11:30AM; DATE: 9-23-60

COMPLAINANT: NAME: WILLIAM WEHRECKE; ADDRESS: HUNTLEY HARMONY ROAD; CITY AND STATE: HUNTLEY; HOME PHONE: ; BUS. PHONE:

OFFENSE AS REPORTED: LARCENY

OFFICER ASSIGNED:

AFTER INVESTIGATION CHANGED TO:

INVESTIGATED BY:

LOCATION:

PERSON REPORTING, IF NOT COMPLAINANT — NAME: ; ADDRESS: ; PHONE:

HOW REPORTED: IN PERSON

PERSONS ARRESTED: ; DATE

THIS OFFENSE IS DECLARED — INACTIVE (Not Cleared) ☐ ACTIVE ☐ BY

DETAILS OF REPORT: Advises that Albert Ferris who use to be his handy man walked off with $100.00 in cash and several household items, clothing and pictures. This happened about June 5th. Wanted report on file at this office. He is going to Chicago and try and collect the items from Albert.

See report 2430

DATE: SIGNED: ED

SHERIFF - CHIEF DEPUTY

McHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

OFFENSE REPORT

No. 2[illegible]

TIME: 6P. 10:52am	COMPLAINANT: NAME: William Wernecke
DATE: 10-6-69	ADDRESS: Huntley Harmony Blacktop
	CITY AND STATE: Huntley Ill
	HOME PHONE: BUS. PHONE:

OFFENSE AS REPORTED: B & E	OFFICER ASSIGNED: Hullo
AFTER INVESTIGATION CHANGED TO:	INVESTIGATED BY:
LOCATION:	PERSON REPORTING, IF NOT COMPLAINANT — NAME: PHONE: ADDRESS:
HOW REPORTED: phone	PERSONS ARRESTED: DATE
THIS OFFENSE IS DECLARED — INACTIVE (No Clues) ☐ ACTIVE ☐	BY

DETAILS OF REPORT — B & E

Back door broke in sometime between Saterday night and Wednsday night. Following items taken:

1-	Russet colored western saddle which was hand carved. Make (Hogales) Has a Mexican horn and a flat Cantel.	
2-	Martingales & 2-bridles to match	$300.00
1-	Navaho red-white-black wool blanket	$ 50.00
2-	Sets of western spurs with silver Indian heads on rowels	$ 12.00
2-	Short military spurs	$ 12.00
2-	German throwing knives with red handles in leather cases	$ 8.00
	TOTAL VALUE	$382.00

DATE SIGNED

SHERIFF - CHIEF DEPUTY

OFFENSE REPORT

McHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

No. 515

REPORT RECEIVED BY: Anderson
TIME: 1:15 am
DATE: 1-17-60

COMPLAINT
NAME: Wm. Wernecke
ADDRESS: Huntley Harmony Rdtp.
CITY AND STATE: Ill
HOME PHONE: BUS. PHONE

OFFENSE AS REPORTED: Theft of Guns and Cameras
OFFICER ASSIGNED: Car 24 Nulle

AFTER INVESTIGATION CHANGED TO: Burglary & Larceny
INVESTIGATED BY: Nulle & Goddard

LOCATION: Huntley Harmony Road
PERSON REPORTING, IF NOT COMPLAINANT
NAME: PHONE:
ADDRESS:

HOW REPORTED: In person
PERSONS ARRESTED: RAYMOND ALBERTSON
DATE: 1-21-60

THIS OFFENSE IS DECLARED
INACTIVE (Not Cleared) ☐ ACTIVE ☐
BY NULLE & BREWER

DETAILS OF REPORT Mr Wernecke came to this office to report that his home in the country had been broken into and there were several guns missing and also two movie camras subject will be back in the office in the am did not want a squad out there tonight for there are no lights in the house he believes he knows the person that took the things.

1005 Am consaked with Officer Slanger at Joliet 7 3607 State Pen he advised Wernecke (No record at Joliet). AJQ

Entry gained by using a key. Place was locked up again when party left.
Following items taken according to Mr. Wernecke.
1- Smith & Wesson K38 revolver 6" barrell with wood grips.
3- Smith & Wesson 38 combat master piece revolvers with 4" barrell
1- Smith & Wesson 38 Chief with 2" barrell
1- Colt woodsman 22 cal automatic with 6" barrell
1- Antique flint lock rifle with 16" barrell
10 Antique pistols (cap & ball and flint locks)
1- Jap Arsaka rifle
1- Springfield 45-70 rifle
1- 16 ga. shotgun single shot
1- 12 ga. Iver Johnson single shot shotgun
1- 10 ga. double barrell shotgun
5- 22 cal. Winchester repeater rifles
1- 45 cal. singlex action revolver with 7" barrell
10 more guns that he can not recall names or cal of.

DATE SIGNED

SHERIFF · CHIEF DEPUTY

NAME OF COMPLAINT	ADDRESS (2)	COMPLAINT NO.
Wm Wernecke	Huntley Harmony Blacktop	515
OFFENSE Burglary & Larceny	OFFICER Nulle & Goddard	DATE 1-17-60

FOLLOW UP REPORT

1- Box containing hunting knives of various sizes and shapes
30 Boxes of 38 cal amunition
50 Boxes of 22 cal long rifle amunition
1- Allan adding machine (black)
1- 16 MM Eastman movie camera
1- 8 MM Keastone movie camera
1- 8 MM Keaston movie projector
1- Table model Zenith radio (white)
1- 35 MM Leica camera & bag
1- ¼" drillmaster kit made by sunbeam and attachments (box left behind)
1- 5½ hpr Johnson outboard motor, about 10 yrs old
Wife is staying with her mother: Mrs Eva Johnson 5307 N. Damon, Chicago. Had a handy man with him today named Albert Farris age 39. Lives at 934 Eastwood Ave Chicago. Has done odd jobs for Wernecke for last 6 mo. Advises that these things were brought out from apartment in Chicag about 3 months ago.
Ronnie Hackler age 27 now living at the Crystal Lake Airport was a tennant on the farm for about 3 years. Moved out in September. Wernecke was over to Hacklers house but did not see any of the things.
Wernecke will be back out tuesday to live here all the time. If we wanted to reach him in Chicago, we would have to call Harry Caprio Keastone 3-4391 3511 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, Ill. Wernecke calls in at this phone to see if there are any messages for him.
States that while he was in Chicago jail, he received a letter from Irene Castle, who has an orphans of the storm at 1300 Old Mill Rd Lake Forrest saying that she was out to his place to look after the horses and that while she was walking through the barn, she saw a case of guns. She took them home and in her letter asked him what he wanted for them. He wrote back saying that he did not want to sell them. Does not know what happened to them after this. We asked him about this trouble in Chicago that he was having and he advises that he is out on an appeal bond and that the case is going before the appellate court.

APPELLATE

ALLEN SCHMIDT PRINTING COMPANY

NAME OF COMPLAINT	ADDRESS (3)	COMPLAINT NO.
Wm Wernecke	Huntley Harmony blacktop	515
OFFENSE Burglary & Larceny	OFFICER Hullo & Goddard	DATE 1-17-60

FOLLOW UP REPORT

Advises that Dadishon Nicolas who has a realty company in Chicago is the man behind all his trouble and could be the man that stole all the guns. Advises that these things first started missing in Chicago and that the Chicago Police were stealing them and trying to frame him.
Also that Elmer Stiegler age 35 of Wonder Lake now believed living at 3421 Hashfield Chicago is working with Nicolas in trying to put him in prison on a conspiracy charge. Advises that William Brooks 1243 N. Bosworth, Chicago came to the jail in Chicago while he was there and advised that Albert Farris had sent him and that people were trying to break into his house. Albert denies any knowledge of this.

Phisical discription of Wernecke: 52 5'10" 150 brown hair. Sallow complexion, subject use to weigh 260 now down to 150

1-19-60 Wernecke called to advise that he now finds other things missing. 1- Heavy duty "Electromatic" electric saw with 5 additional blades. 3- complete caponter outfits in metal boxes.
1-20-60. Officer Madden of the 39th dist (LA 5-6640) called and advised the following: Mrs Raymond Albertsen of [redacted] N. Carpenter Chicago contacted him and said her husband told her that a week or 10 days ago he and another fellow broke into Wm Wernekes home. They have found several antique guns. One is a woodsman 22 cal that is registered in Wernekes name. Bought at Marshal Field in 1941 and mailed to DesPlaines. As of now they do not know the other subjects name, but that he lives in this area some place. This investigation was done while Albertsen was away from home.

DES PLAINES PRINTING COMPANY

NAME OF COMPLAINT	ADDRESS	COMPLAINT NO.
Wm Wernecke	Huntley Harmony Blacktop	515
OFFENSE	**OFFICER**	**DATE**
Burglary & Larceny	Hullo & Brewer	1-21-60

(4)

FOLLOW UP REPORT

Obtained burglary warrant for Raymond Albertsen. Went to the 39th dist located at 3801 Damen Ave. Phone LA 5-6640. Met there with detectives Barr & Fett. Went to a plating company where Albertsen is working as a shipping clerk. Arrested the subject for burglary. At this time he denied any knowledge of the theft. Took the subject to his apartment located at 4707 N. Campbell where his wife gave us permission to search the home. (written permission on file at the 39th dist) In a closet located in the dining room we located all the things on the recovery list except the vacuum cleaner which was in the living room behind a chair. Everything was confiscated and the guns were turned over to the crime lab for 10 days. Everything else was brought to this office. The subject was taken to 11th & State where he was run through the B of I. He showed no record there. From there we brought him to the Sheriff's office in Woodstock. 12:08AM 1-22-60 subject signed statement admitting the burglary and only to the theft of the items recovered in his home to Sheriff Melvin Griebel and Henry A. Hullo jr.

During the questioning subject stated that he had been hunting at Wernecke's place three different times. Seems as the Wm Brooks had gone to the county jail in Chicago and had recieved permission from Wernecke to hunt on his property. Brooks than told Albertsen that he could go there to hunt. The first time he went there alone. The second time he took Stanley Lyshik 38 yrs with him. Lyshik is a foreman at the factory where Albertsen works. When he was there this time they noticed a window in the house was ajar. When they returned to Chicago he told Brooks about this. He does not know if Brooks told Wernecke or not. This would have been about December 6, 1959. The last time he went out there he says he went alone, did not go to hunt, but to see if the window was still open. It is Albertsen's understanding that Brooks was some kind of a caretaker for Wernecke.

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File No. 65-582 - 1a 26

Date Received 1-23-62

From Charles L. Riley
(Name of contributor)
Rockford, Ill.
(Address of contributor)

By Robert J. Dolan
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:

Negatives and photographs of Tommy and Jay Shadwick.

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Vol I

File No: [illegible] #1

Date Received 4/30/64

From Chief of Police

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Starkville, Miss.

(CITY AND STATE)

By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☑ No

Description:

One copy of
John Pitts
fingerprints.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 25, 64
July 6 - 64

NO ARREST RECORD
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APPLICANT

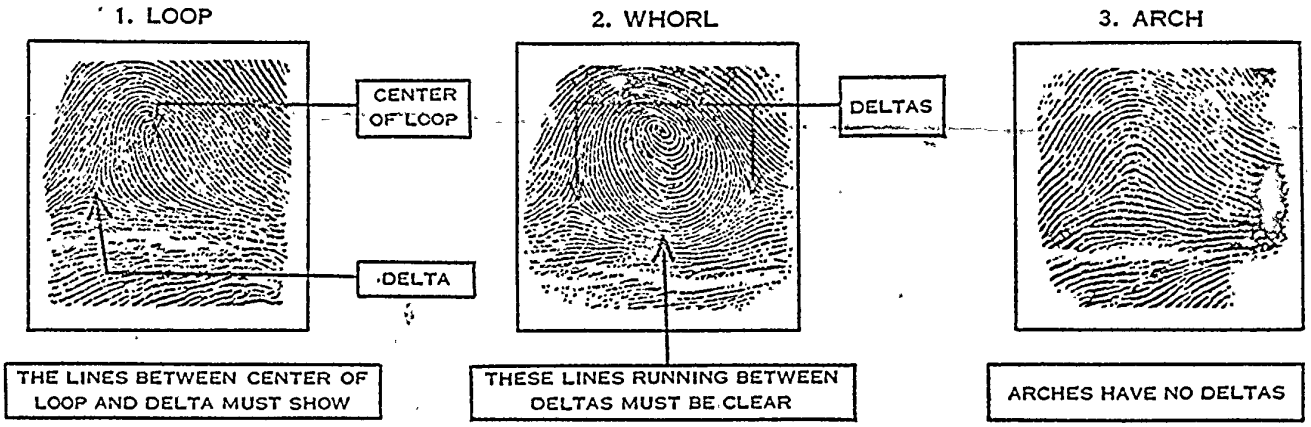
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To obtain classifiable fingerprints:

1. Use printer's ink.
2. Distribute ink evenly on inking slab.
3. Wash and dry fingers thoroughly.
4. Roll fingers from nail to nail, and avoid allowing fingers to slip.
5. Be sure impressions are recorded in correct order.
6. If an amputation or deformity makes it impossible to print a finger, make a notation to that effect in the individual finger block.
7. If some physical condition makes it impossible to obtain perfect impressions, submit the best that can be obtained with a memo stapled to the card explaining the circumstances.
8. Examine the completed prints to see if they can be classified, bearing in mind the following:

Most fingerprints fall into the patterns shown below (other patterns occur infrequently and are not shown here):



Law-enforcement agencies using this card for pistol permits, licenses, etc., should indicate type of permit or position in space "COMPANY AND ADDRESS."

Department of Defense activities and contractors initiating this card will make no entries in "CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS" and "NUMBER." Such entries will be made by the Department of Defense investigative agencies concerned. Department of Defense activities using this card for military personnel or civilian employees will enter designation and address of requesting activity in "COMPANY AND ADDRESS." Department of Defense contractors will enter contractor's name and address in "COMPANY AND ADDRESS."

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APPLICANT

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SEX. MALE
RACE WHITE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED
x John Miller

CONTRIBUTOR AND ADDRESS
CHIEF
POLICE DEPARTMENT
SKOKIE, ILL.

COMPANY AND ADDRESS
SKOKIE RED TOP CAB
8300 CHRISTIANA
SKOKIE ILL

HT. (IN.) 71 | WT. 190
DATE OF BIRTH 1/21/07
HAIR BRN | EYES BLUE

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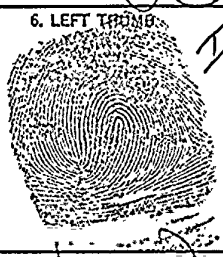
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6. LEFT THUMB	7. LEFT INDEX	8. LEFT MIDDLE	9. LEFT RING	10. LEFT LITTLE
				

LEFT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY



LEFT THUMB



RIGHT THUMB



RIGHT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY



AKA . WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

11-12-40 A) 1 Leaflet entitled "A Nation in Concentration Camp"

11-12-40 B) 2 Leaflet entitled, "Murder at Sea"

11-12-40 C) 3 Pamphlet entitled "World Service"

11-12-40 D) 4 Cartoon as mentioned in serial 85 of this file.

11-20-40 E) 5 Circular, "An Outline of the Situation As I See It."

12-27-40 F) 6 Snapshots of Ernest Scharf.

11-19-41 G) 7 Photostatic copies of information received from Frank E Northcutt, Collector of Internal Revenue.

H) 8 Miscellaneous Circular.

5-3-43 I) 9 Photostatic Copy of Custodial Detention Card of Mrs. Martha Wernecke.

4-8-36 (8) Literature from the National Conservative transferred to 105-2740

105-582-72A

Chicago, Illinois
August 20, 1940

(a sheet)

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Ad-Mimeographs
Coll-no. 5077
R. A. no. 1067
A. T. no. 232
T. S. no. 92
S. I. no. 97

Attention: Mr. Daniel J. Conorty,
Chief Field Deputy.

The undersigned wishes to submit the following information contained within- first, that a Mr. William L. Wornecke, who has several addresses is the Chicago head of the Knight of the White Camelias and the Cauleiter of the White Shirts, whose Grand Leader is Mr. George W. Christian whose headquarters are at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Wornecke showed the undersigned his card of membership with the White Camelias and boasted that the Jews were his main hate. This man is an organizer of subversive societies, he has a mailing address: Box 3620, at Merchandise Mart station, Chicago, Illinois where he mails out and receives his instruction from his grandleaders of the several societies which he represents. Also, this man Wornecke directs and heads the Dread Gentile Youth Association whose activities consist in blackmailing and frightening the Jewish and Catholic people. Several attempts to work havoc have been committed. The window smashing of Goldblatt's Store; the pasting of circulars on windows warning both Catholic and Jewish people that their day was coming. Windows in several towns, Brookfield, Ill., Oak Park, Ill. and Evanston, Ill. have been smeared. They do not stop at window smearing but pass out bills and auto stickers with the same warning. Now Wornecke has a lieutenant who leads in this work, his name is Richard Starr of 5714 West Byron Street, Chicago, although he claims to be out of work yet is able to make trips to Palm Beach, Florida (see attached newspaper item #1) this shows Richard (Dick) Starr. A photograph of a submarine snapped off Palm Beach, Florida. Three months before the went to Florida the undersigned had Mr. Starr into his office. He was properly dressed and made the statement [illegible] above, the trips bespeak otherwise. The undersigned saw Richard Starr in conversation with William Wornecke and together at Bund meeting at 3865 W. Western Avenue. Now Richard Starr is a fully paid member of the German American Bund the same as Wornecke is and he is supposed to be a drill leader for the bund. On Wornecke's farm at Wadsworth, Illinois rifle practice is held several times a month and Richard Starr told me when I had him in our office that he thought it was a shame that he wasn't allowed to wear uniform as the new U. S. law had knocked that out and he told me that 'by God he would belong to any outfit he wanted' as he claimed that he was an Irishman that couldn't be held back.

William Wornecke has a strong support from a Dr. Walter Pommigsdorf, a dentist who lives at 5300 Lieb Avenue, Chicago, Ill. His home is used sometimes for a meeting place to plan their various crimes. Also another lieutenant is Fred Pokorny of 3852 Jansson, Chicago, Illinois. Pokorny was arrested in the Goldblatt window smashing in October, 1939. He is an active leader of the Young Gentile Society of America. He is always armed. At the time of his arrest for the Goldblatt affiar, his room was searched and a revolver was found. He is considered a dangerous man who helps put over atrocities on the Jewish people.

Re: Information relating to espionage, counter espionage, and sabotage.

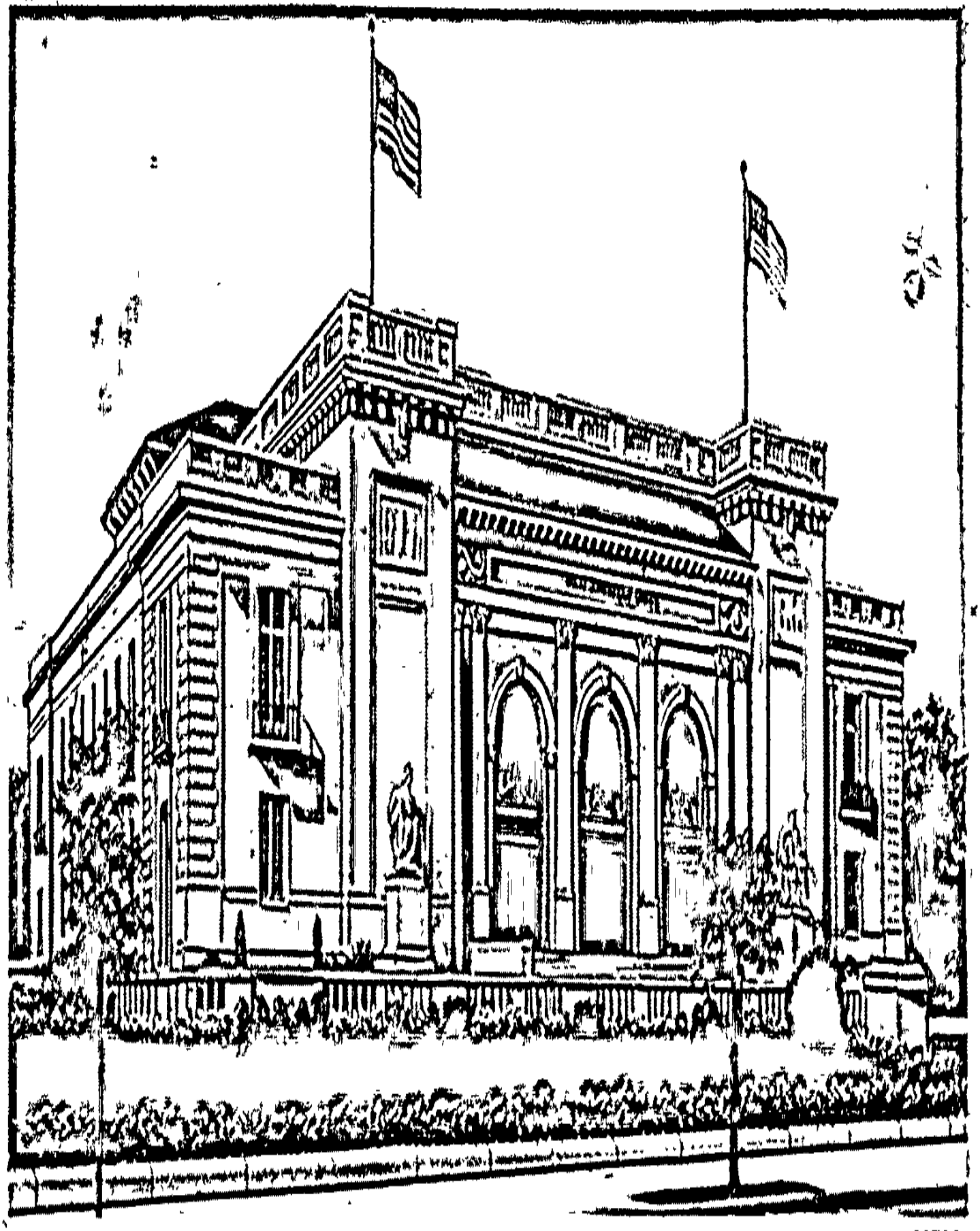
In reality, he along with Wernecke, Starr and Pennings dorf allbelong to the German American Bund and get their orders from this source, the German American Bund at 3855 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. Mr. William Wernecke has an office at 30 N. LaSalle under his own name; another office at the Merchandise Mart Bldg., and a mailing address there under P. O. Box #3620, Merchandise Mart Building, and an office at his farm home at Wadsworth, Ill. Mr. Wernecke is well supplied with money, because this man Starr told me he could always get a loan from his friend Wernecke.

In the same year as the Goldblatt incident on Tuesday December 1v, 1939 a protest meeting instigated by this Wernecke and held under the auspices of the f Friends of Father Coughlin (Chicago Post #49) to help raise funds for those arrested in the Goldblatt affair (attached is hand bill item #2). Starr told me it was divvicult to hold meetings in the city but his friend Wernecke had a dandy place (his farm) where no pooping toms could see. So I said you drill and practice rifle shooting and he said yes, just to keep in practice. I asked him why, and he said wouldn't you and the Department of Justice like to know. Starr has been making a lot of trin trips to the South and several to New York-according to the papers he really travels a lot. Another thing about William Wernecke is the fact that when any subversive society needs guards he and the bund leader Otto Willumeit furnish them from the various trained units of these subversive societies witness the meeting of the German American Alliance at the Lincoln Turner Hall, Chicago, Illinois when Paul A. F. Warnholz, their president spoke he was heavily guarded by eight husky young Germans dressed in uniforms of Storm Troopers but who apparently did not carry any arms, however each carried a revolver concealed. These armed guards are furnished directly by the German American Bund working along with Wernecke. This German American Alliance leaders such as Ernest Ten Eicken past president, and one of its original incorporators Homer H. Maertz, both belong to the German American Bund, and Maertz also belongs to the Silver Shirts and is a co-worker for all German subversive activities. He was arrested in the Goldblatt affair in 1939. Homer H. Maertz holds a position with the International Harvester, Chicago, Illinois. A suburban leader on the south side is John Scholl, Jr. whose home is 5616 S. Throop Street. He works for a relative who operated the Scholl Dairy on the same street South Throop St. John Scholl hates this country according to what he told me and Mr. Dan Harris of Social Security Division here when he was in our office on an investigation. He told us that his outfit was well drilled but only for the fun of it, but the undersigned saw him come out of Wernecke's office at 30 North LaSalle Street. Therefore I am submitting this for your disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank E. Northcutt,
Deputy Collector.

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2 Silvershirts confess brick hurling plot

Two of five members of the Silvershirts, organization of Nazi sympathizers, confessed early today, police said, to throwing bricks through the windows of the Goldblatt department store at 1623 W. Chicago.

Confessions were obtained at the Racine ave. police station from Douglas Campbell, 21, 3832 Janssen, and Fred Pokorny, 36, same address, police announced.

Campbell, Pokorny, George Heppner, 35, 1113 W. Chicago; Joseph Schimpf, 45, 1529 N. Claremont, and Homer Herman Maerz, 25, 28 E. Huron, described by police as Silvershirt leader in Chicago, appeared in a detective bureau showup last night.

Campbell and Pokorny implicated the other three, according to police.

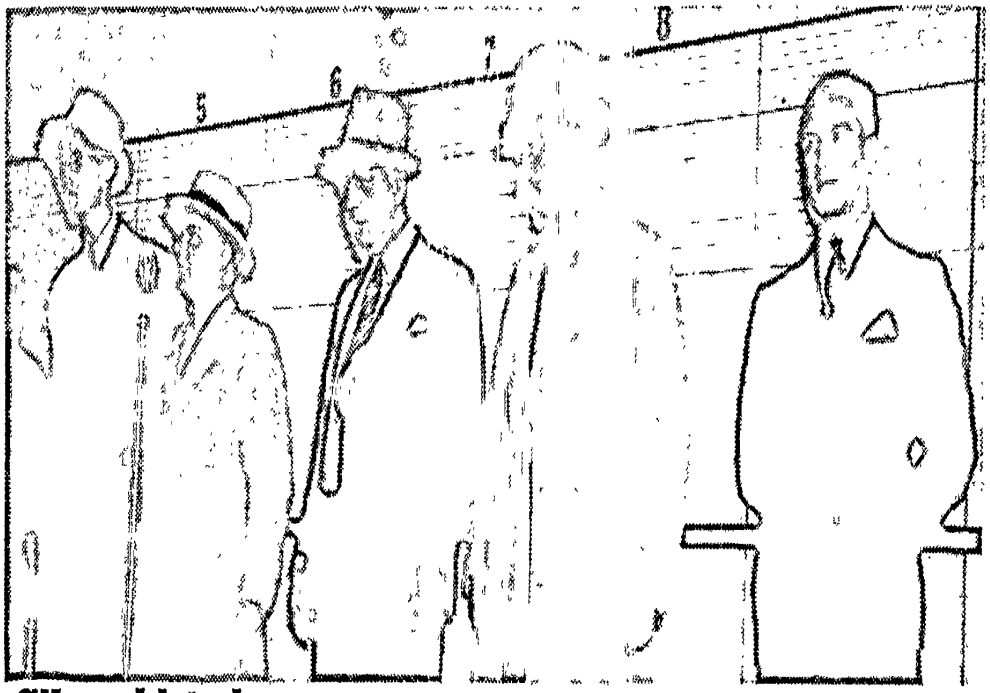
On the showup stage, the Silvershirters eagerly propounded a few of their Nazi doctrines and executed smartly the commands of Deputy Chief of Dets. Walter Storms. Pokorny was particularly talkative.

"I think you are just a paid chump and would do well to analyze yourself," Storms said.

The five men were questioned by federal agents investigating extortion threats contained in letters to prominent Chicago merchants, pudges and rabbis in recent months. The agents said a typewriter seized in Maerz' home apparently had not been used in the writing of the extortion notes.

'Lifer' for 45 yrs., dies

After serving 45 years in the Indiana penitentiary at Michigan city —longer than any other convict there—Alonzo Powers, 72, died in the prison yesterday. He was sentenced to life for murder in 1895.



Silvershirt showup—*Questioned about brick-tossing episode which shattered windows of Goldblatt department store 1623 W. Chicago, members of pro-Nazi Silvershirts (l. to r.) Douglas Campbell Joseph Schimpf, George Heppner, Homer Maerz and Fred Pokorny "talk" at detective bureau showup. Campbell and Pokorny confessed heaving the bricks. (TIMES Photo)*

Blames 'breath' on mouth wash

His breath smelled of liquor because he took an alcoholic mouth wash following extraction of 10 teeth, former Policeman Oscar T. Aaflei, 1506 N. Kildare, charged in a mandamus suit on file in Circuit court today.

Discharged May 15 on charges of intoxication and conduct unbecoming an officer, Aaflei seeks reinstatement. He said that pills taken after the extraction caused him to stagger.

Void rector's wedding

Mrs. Phyllis Fraser Andersen, 25, 11468 Church, today resumed her maiden name. She was granted an uncontested annulment of her marriage to Rev. Edwin J. Andersen, 27, former rector of St. Aidan's Episcopal church, Blue Island, in Superior court. She testified their marriage on July 30, 1938, never was consumated.

14,000 chickens burn to death in farm fire

Pneumonia today threatened to kill many of 1,000 chickens saved from a fire in which 14,000 others burned to death last night on the Lindenhurst farm a mile and a half east of Lake Villa, Lake county. White Rocks and White Leghorns, the chickens were being reared for market in a heated building, 160 by 30 feet. Total damage to the property, owned by Emil A. Siebel, Chicago industrial consultant, was estimated at $13,000.

Identify check passer

Four business men of Chicago, Melrose Park and Villa Park last night at the Detective bureau showup identified Jack McGuire, 40, 1527 Wicker Park, as a passer of spurious checks. McGuire was seized Monday by Berwyn police.

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Date of birth 5/8/04 Race of people German Height

Weight 185 Complexion fair Color hair

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Port of arrival Baltimore, Md. Date entered

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February 1, 1940.

Mr. Robert Brown,
3848 West DiVersey Avenue,
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Dear Mr. Brown:

After a long delay due to the rather hectic conditions under which we have been carrying on, a consignment of Council literature was recently sent you.

We are now enclosing the #9 Booklet, together with inserts for use with the first three lectures. In regard to the #1 Booklet, it is evident that while the official positions of two of the men in question have been changed since the lecture was prepared, their influence in the New Deal remains practically unchanged.

May we suggest that you start your group studies by devoting the first and perhaps the second meeting to The Key to Crisis, then take up the first two Booklets in order, and go over to The Hidden Empire or Jews Say So for the next two meetings, then revert to the Third Council Booklet, etc.

As mentioned in Council literature, the weekly Liberations will be furnished for your group members, on the basis of the contributions received at Headquarters. No direct charge is made for the Council Booklets, the weekly contributions being applied against cost of such literature and Liberations.

In appreciation of your interest and with best wishes for the success of your efforts, we remain

Yours for Liberation,

THE SILVERSHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,

By Jesse B. Kling
Jesse B. Kling.

Enc.

WERNECKE, MRS. MARTHA
6250 Wayne Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 1-30-41

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"An outline of the situation as I see it"

Extracts of the Speech by the Führer on the occasion of the conclusion of the war in France.

1. The course of the war during the last ten months has proved that I was right and that the opinions of our opponents were wrong.

When so-called British statesmen declare that their country always emerges stronger from every defeat and every disaster, then it is at least not conceit when I inform you that from our successes we shall also emerge all the stronger.

As far back as September 1, last year, I told you that, come what may, neither force of arms nor time would conquer Germany. In military power the Reich is stronger today than ever before. You have learned of the losses — admittedly heavy for the individual, but on the whole slight in their total — which the German Fighting Forces have suffered in action during the last three months. When you consider that during this period we have established a front which now extends from the North Cape to the Spanish frontier, you will realize that these losses especially compared with those of the Great War, were remarkably slight.

2. Arms. Nevertheless, we had naturally prepared for far greater losses. The man-power thus spared will strengthen us in the struggle that has been forced on us for our freedom. The loss in arms in Norway and especially during the campaign against Holland, Belgium and France is entirely negligible. The output is out of proportion to the loss. The Army and Air Force are, at this moment, more perfectly equipped and stronger than before our advance in the West.

3. Munitions. Ammunition was manufactured on so vast a scale, and the existing supplies are so enormous, that either a limitation or change-over of production is becoming necessary in numerous branches, since many of the existing depots and stores, in spite of huge extensions, are no longer in a position to accomodate further supplies. Therefore, the total amount of supplies for the Army and Air Force, and, at present, for all services, is considerably greater than before our attack in the West.

4. Raw materials essential in war. Thanks to the Four-Year Plan, Germany was admirably prepared for the most severe trial. No army in the world has adapted itself to the use of such materials essential for the conduct of war as were produced within the country, in place of those which had to be imported, to anything like the extent to which this has been achieved in Germany. We possess, above all, the two most vital raw materials, coal and iron, in what I may today term unlimited quantities. Stocks of fuel are heavy. Our productive capacity is on the increase and will, within a short time, be sufficient for our requirements, even if our imports should cease.

Our collections of scrap metal have increased our reserve to such an extent that we can carry on the war indefinitely and are entirely independent of any contingency. In addition, we have the enormous quantities of materials captured from the enemy as well as the use of the territory occupied by us. In the spheres of economic interest controlled by them, Germany and Italy have at their disposal 200 million persons, among whom they can draw on 130 million for man-power, whilst over 70 million are engaged in purely economic activities. — Thanks to measures adopted in time, food supplies are likewise guaranteed however long the war may last.



Germanys Führer

5. The morale of the German people. Thanks to their National-Socialist training, the people of Germany did not enter this war in a spirit of superficial and blatant patriotism but with the fanatical resolve of a nation aware of the fate that awaits it in case of defeat. The efforts of enemy propaganda to shatter this unity were as stupid as they were futile. Ten months of war have only served to strengthen this fanaticism. The German nation has given proof of its morale by its sons fighting on the field of battle and who, within the space of a few weeks, overthrew and annihilated that enemy who ranked next to Germany in military power. Their spirit was and is the spirit of the German homeland.

6. The neighbouring States. In the opinion of British politicians, their last hopes, apart from allied peoples, consisting of a number of kings without a throne, statesmen without a nation and generals without an army, seem to be based on fresh complications which they hope to bring about, thanks to their proven skill in such matters. A true Ahasverus among these hopes is the belief in the possibility of a fresh estrangement between Germany and Russia.

German-Russian relations have been finally established. The reason for this is that Britain and France, authorized by certain lesser Powers, continually attributed to Germany the desire to conquer territory which lay outside the sphere of German interests. Very soon we heard that Germany wanted to occupy the Ukraine. Then again we were supposed to invade Finland, — to be threatening Rumania, and finally, fears were even entertained for the safety of Turkey.

In these circumstances I thought it right to enter into straightforward discussions with Russia in order to define clearly once and for all what Germany believed she must regard as the sphere of interests vital to her future, and what Russia, on the other hand, considered essential to her existence. This clear definition of their several spheres of interest was followed by a new basis for German-Russian relations. All hope that the completion of this might give rise to fresh tension between Germany and Russia is puerile. Neither has Germany undertaken

any steps which would have led her to exceed the limits of her sphere of interest, nor has Russia done anything of the kind. Britain's hope that she could, by bringing about a new European crisis, better her own position amounts, in so far as this concerns Germany's relations with Russia, to a false conclusion. British statesmen are always somewhat slow in grasping facts, but they will learn to see this in time.

In my speech on October 6, I certainly forecasted correctly the further development of this war. I assured you, Gentlemen, that never for one moment did I doubt in our victory. As long as one does not insist on regarding defeat as the visible sign and guarantee of ultimate victory, I would appear to have been justified by the course which events have taken so far. Although I was convinced of the course they would take, I nevertheless at the time held out my hand in an endeavour to reach understanding with France and Britain.

I told you at the time that on account of my peace proposals I expected even to be branded as a coward unable to continue the fight because he could not. That is exactly what did happen. I believe however that the French — not so much their guilty statesmen as the people themselves — are beginning to think very differently about that 6th of October. Indescribable misery has overtaken that great country and people since that day. I have no desire to dwell on the sufferings brought on the soldiers in this war. Even greater is the misery caused by the unscrupulousness of those who drove millions from their homes without reason, merely in the hope of obstructing German military operations — an assumption which is truly difficult to understand.

All this, as I said once before, need never have happened, for even in October I asked nothing, from either France or Britain, but peace.

But the men behind the armaments industries wanted matters otherwise and now they have got it.

I, myself, am too much of a soldier not to understand the misery caused by such a development. From Britain I now hear only a single cry — the cry not of the people but of the politicians — that the war must go on.

I do not know whether these politicians realize what a continuance of this struggle will look like. They do, it is true, declare that they will carry on with the war and that, even if Great Britain should perish, they would carry on from Canada. I can hardly believe that they mean by this that the people of Britain are to go to Canada. Presumably only those gentlemen interested in the continuation of their war will go there. The people themselves, I think, will have to stay behind, and will certainly view the war with other eyes than their so-called leaders in Canada.

Mr. Churchill has just repeated his declaration that he wants war. Some six weeks ago he began to wage war in a sphere where he apparently considers himself particularly strong, namely in air raids on the civilian population. His pretence is that the raids are directed against so-called military objectives. Since the bombardment of Freiburg, these objectives have been open towns, market places and villages, dwelling houses, hospitals, schools, kindergartens and whatever else may have been hit. I fully realize that our reply, which will come one day, will bring untold misery and sufferings upon the people.

Naturally, not upon Mr. Churchill for he, no doubt, will already be in Canada, where the money and the children of those chiefly interested in the war have already been sent. For millions of other people, however, a period of great suffering will begin. Mr. Churchill ought perhaps for once to believe me when I prophesy that a great empire will be destroyed, — an empire which it was never my intention to destroy or even to harm. I do, however, realize that this struggle, if it continues, can end only with the complete annihilation of one or the other of the two adversaries. Mr. Churchill can continue to believe that this will be Germany. I know however that it will be Britain.

In this hour I feel it to be my duty before my own conscience to appeal once more to reason and common sense, in Great Britain as much as elsewhere. I consider myself in a position to make this appeal since I am not the vanquished begging for favours, but the victor speaking in the name of reason. I can see no reason why this war must go on. I am grieved to think of the sacrifices which it will claim. I would also like to spare them my own people. I know that millions of German men, young and old alike, are burning with the desire at last to settle accounts with the enemy, who for the second time has declared war on us for no reason whatsoever.

I also know that at home there are many women and mothers who, ready as they are to sacrifice all they have in life, are yet bound to it by their very heart strings. Possibly Mr. Churchill will again brush aside this statement of mine by saying that it is merely born of fear and of doubt in our final victory. In that case I shall have relieved my conscience in regard to the things to come.

In looking back upon the last ten months we are all struck by the grace of Providence, which has allowed us to succeed in our great task. Providence has blessed our resolves and guided us on our difficult paths. As for myself, I am deeply moved, realizing that Providence has called upon me to restore to my people their freedom and honour. The humiliation and disgrace, which originated twenty-two years ago in the Forest of Compiègne, have for ever been obliterated in the same place.

Murder at Sea.

During the course of the British attempts to land in Norway, H.M.S. Cossak was heavily bombarded and finally stranded as a total wreck. This British destroyer had previously gained for herself the unsavoury reputation of having foully murdered in cold blood many of the defenceless crew of the German cargo ship "Altmark" in the Norwegian Jossing Fjord. This particular act of savagery and premeditated murder was hailed by the British press as an act of heroism.

At Narvik, a port on the Norwegian coast, another savage crime was added to the long list of similar crimes perpetrated by the British navy. Here British warships deliberately opened machine-gun fire on defenceless German sailors struggling and swimming in the sea. It is well, therefore, that attention is called to that British crime known to history as the S.S. "Baralong" murder.

On October 5th and 8th, 1915, six citizens of the U.S.A. appeared before two American notaries, Messrs M. E. Ansley of Hancock, Miss., and Charles J. Denschaud of New Orleans, Louisiana, and submitted sworn statements. These six American citizens were: —

J. M. Garett, from Kiln in the County of Hancock, Miss.,
Charles D. Hightower from Crystal in the State of Texas,
Bud Emerson Palen from Detroit, Mich.,
Edward Clark from Detroit, Mich.,
R. H. Cosby from Crystal, Texas, and
James J. Curran from Chicago, Illinois.

The sworn testimony of one of these American citizens — coinciding in all detail with the others — is as follows:

It took at least half-an-hour before we drew away from the S.S. "Nicosian". The German captain was very considerate.

I heard someone cheering in our boat. On turning round, I saw that a strange ship had come to within 150 yards of us. At its masthead it was flying the American flag. Amidships it had hoisted a star-spangled banner. Apparently the Germans had allowed this strange ship to come closer as they also took her to be an American vessel. We did not know that she was a warship: — the auxiliary cruiser "Baralong". The ship that was carrying our flag hove-to. We waited to be taken on board.

Meanwhile I kept my attention fixed on the German U.boat. One of her gunners was busy with the bow gun. There were 18 to 20 men on deck. Suddenly the strange ship opened fire. It sounded like machine-gun fire. I saw the German gunner throw up his arms, collapse and fall overboard.

We saw civilians on board the "Baralong". (Later on we ascertained that they were British naval ratings.)

Whilst still curiously examining this strange ship I noticed that the star-spangled banner was hauled down and replaced by the British flag. But the American flags on the sides of the ship were not removed. The ship continued to fire on the U.-boat sailors.

The German sailors hurried to the turret. A few of them were able to climb down into the ship. Eleven men, however, remained behind on deck. Firing continued from the "Baralong" and all of a sudden, her peculiar superstructure marked "Life belts" was dropped and three four-inch guns were revealed. One of them opened fire at once. At first sight, the shot appeared to have fallen short, yet it must have found its mark as the U.boat heeled over to port.

A second shot carried away the periscope and the U.boat's flag. Several of the German sailors were killed by rifle fire. Half-a-dozen men were standing at the turret.

There followed a direct hit on the turret, a terrific explosion, — the turret was torn asunder and the sailors blown overboard.

The U.boat sank rapidly and a devastating fire set in from the "Baralong". Not another shot had been fired by the U.boat since her gunner was killed by rifle fire. After the turret had been shot away, the rest of the crew stood around helpless for the moment. The situation, however, soon became clear to them. Undressing, they hurried astern and attempted to swim to the "Nicosian" which was close by. The Captain of the U.boat however remained fully dressed in uniform.

During all this time the Britishers kept up an incessant fire and many a shot reached its mark.

We had received orders to row to the ship from which the Britishers were still firing.

On board the "Baralong" we were met by a sight bordering on conditions in a lunatic asylum. The smell of blood seemed to have driven them crazy. The captain of the ship was William McBride. He revelled in what he was doing. We were surrounded by sailors who were proud of their dastardly and murderous job. "Carry on, boys" screamed Capt. McBride, "and shoot those devils swimming in the sea".

A feeling of sickness overcame me when the Britishers renewed their murderous fire. They screamed like a pack of bloodthirsty wolves. A few of the Germans had managed to reach the "Nicosian". Whilst climbing aboard, one of them received a fatal bullet.

"Direct your fire on the swine still swimming". These orders from Capt. McBride drowned the sound of firing.

The Germans realized that this was the end. And yet they did everything to avoid being murdered. At every burst of firing they submerged.

The Royal Navy had instituted a competition in cold-blooded murder. "I've finished off that tall one" — said one of the British ratings. „There's another one hit", screamed his neighbour, and so on.

The sea around the helpless swimming Germans was stained with their blood. The last of them was able to keep his head above water. The bodies of his comrades were floating around. The Britishers missed their mark, cursed and screamed. A dozen of them fired a volley, — mortally wounded, the German still struggled for his life.

The "Baralong" then tied up alongside the "Nicosian". British sailors were sent aboard. "Fetch the rest and make no prisoners" was Capt. McBride's order. Heavily armed and with ferocious cries, the boarding party came aboard the "Nicosian".

Leading the party I noticed the ship's carpenter. He brandished a revolver. His neighbour, the chief engineer of the "Nicosian" was also armed.

The whole episode was a nightmare. We Americans were unable to do anything for the Germans. Had we protested we would have been murdered out of hand. A feeling of revulsion overcame me. Firing continued.

The ship's carpenter returned still brandishing his revolver. Capt. Manning of the "Nicosian" watched the sailors. The "Baralong's" carpenter said to him: "Well, Captain, I managed to get one of them".

The carpenter glanced around and saw me. With revolver in hand he came towards me. "I got him alright" he

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snarled. "You should have seen his look of bewilderment when I fired. Three of them I found in the stokehold. I levelled my revolver at the nearest. 'Hands up'. On approaching him he asked: 'Why do you want to shoot me? I am an engineer.' I replied: 'Come' and from under the bridge the Captain of the German U.boat appeared. The last of the condemned men jumped overboard and swam round the stern of the "Nicosian" towards us, as our ship still carried the American flag.

But they immediately opened fire on the swimmer. Capt. Manning stood next to me on the port deck. The German U.boat captain looked up. Possibly, Capt. Manning's uniform gave him hope. The German officer raised his right hand in token of surrender. In reply he received a bullet through his mouth. The whole thing was revolting. The next volley bored its way through his body.

A hand was laid on my shoulder. On turning round I saw the chief engineer of the "Nicosian". "I also got one of them", he said. "I was directly behind the carpenter. Two Germans sprang into the funnel. I hurried after them. They climbed into a coal bunker and I closed the door. I then shouted: 'This way boys, I have got two of them'. I killed one of them and the sailors finished off the other."

My whole being revolted against that which I had been compelled to witness. But the most revolting episode was still to come. Towards 6 p. m. Capt. Manning of the "Nicosian" gave orders to bring the dead Germans on deck. At first they brought the dead German out of the engine room. A young man, hardly more than a boy. He had a bullet through his forehead. By means of the cinder hoist, one body after another, slung in chains, was hauled up on deck. The chains were removed and the bodies dragged to the port railing.

All the bodies showed the same identical bullet wounds in the forehead. It gave one the impression that someone must have had another shot at them.

The dead Germans were subjected to the most foul treatment by British officers and men alike. One of them kicked a corpse in the face and others followed his example.

At sunset the bodies were summarily thrown overboard. Their funeral oration was a volley of vile abuse and curses from the British crew. From the "Baralong" drunk und disorderly revelry could be heard. The American flag was still flying.

The "Nicosian" was taken in tow by the "Baralong". There were 27 Americans on this ship. As the bodies of the Germans sank, a huge bowl of punch was brought on deck. Sailors and officers helped themselves and the bowl was repeatedly refilled.

At night, McBride called us Americans together and warned us never divulge a word of what we had seen.

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So much for this staggering report. When Germany forestalled the British occupation of Norway, heavy fighting took place at Narvik between German and British naval units. A report from one of the Germans who took part in that engagement states:

> "British savagery knows no bounds. They open fire on our helpless wounded struggling in the sea and kill them in cold blood. A raft containing defenceless shipwrecked sailors was raked by machine-gun fire. The British simply mowed down whatever came within their line of fire. Their whole action was characteristically brutal and bestial."

And what is the German method?

Capt. Stettman of the U.S.A. liner "Washington", who picked up the crew of the British cargo vessel "Oliver Grove" reports the following story as told him by the men he had taken aboard:

> "The German U.boat had offered to tow the life boats of the "Oliver Grove" and to send out SOS calls to enable the "Washington" to take the men on board. The commander of the German U.boat had done all in his power to ensure the safety of the whole crew which he had picked up. Only after every one had been rescued, did he proceed on his way"

We have a further report from the crew of the British Fleetwood trawler "Cresswell". The U.boat took her crew on board and kept them there for seven hours until the S.S. "Phylisia" came in sight. They were then transferred to this ship. The captain of this vessel reports that the U.boat commander told him on leaving: "Tell your Mr. Churchill that German U.boat men are not heartless murderers."

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A Nation in Concentration Camps.

When one examines the world in order to discover that country where democratic ideals have been most abused and betrayed, attention becomes irresistibly fixed on Britain. Britain's savage rule of force over half the globe does not spring from any desire to bless the peoples of the earth with peace and liberty. No, British rule is the insatiable thirst for ill-gotten wealth of a handful of plutocrats who throughout the centuries have determined and shaped British policy of force and violence. It is these men who have exploited and abused the great natural resources of India; to safeguard and further their interests in opium, they plunged China into war; they deliberately betrayed and cheated kings in order to reap rich dividends from Asian oil interests. Is it surprising, therefore, that when the issue of diamond fields and gold mines in South Africa was at stake, these plutocrats should deliberately and unscrupulously set to work to enslave and stamp out a whole nation?

We refer to the savage attack on the Boer Republics which in 1899 brought the South African gold and diamond fields under the control of British financial magnates.

The brave Boer nation offered an heroic resistance to the British usurpers. The Boer resistance finally broke down because Britain deliberately shaped and carried out a policy of wholesale murder of defenceless Boer women and children. "No other people", writes Charles Dilke, an Englishman, in his book "Problems of Greater Britain", — "have so well understood and carried out the method of suppressing and annihilating other peoples". Britain's well-tried formula for achieving this object is the concentration camp, which she established in 1900 for Boer women and children. Fourty of such inhuman camps were to do the work of weakening and finally smashing Boer resistance and morale.

Under cover of all sorts of pretexts, not only were Boer farms destroyed and burnt, but whole districts were deliberately razed to the ground. In the majority of cases, the fact that the husbands were fighting at the front was sufficient evidence for the British to destroy farmsteads and crops and send the Boer women and children to concentration camps. In eight months. — July 1901 to February 1902 — an average of 115000 women and 55000 children under the age of 12, were incarcerated in these camps. 6189 Boer soldiers were killed in open warfare with the enemy. But compared with this figure, the death rate of women and children in British concentration camps is appalling. No less than 26370 women and children suffered brutal ill-treatment and finally died a terrible death at the hands of their British tormentors.

The Boer women and children who were taken to concentration camps had already passed through a period of great trial and tribulation at the hands of British authorities and soldiers. As an illustration of the conditions prevailing on Boer farms when British soldiers were billetted there, is contained in a report which the Rev. Broot Hauyzen of Pretoria sent to General De Wet's nephew. The report, dealing with the plundering and sacking of farm Boshof by British troops states:

"The British commander threatened a Boer woman that her farm house would be dynamited within 10 minutes should she fail to reveal the whereabouts of an alleged store of rifles. Although this woman, on her knees, implored the British officer not to carry out his threat, as she had no concealed arms on the farm, orders were given to carry out the dastardly act.

The poor woman, almost at her wit's end, stood there with her four small children. When the ten minutes had passed, the house blew up and a mass of debris covered the dead bodies of the mother and her four children."

Numerous other authentic quarters confirm that no less than a third of all Boer women and girls were violated by British soldiers. Even children were not spared.

General Smuts, today subservient to Britain, was forced in those days to admit that British troops even left Boer women at the mercy of Kaffirs! In 1902, this selfsame Smuts held a speech in Paris in which he stated:

"The British conduct of war in the Transvaal is a renunciation of all that one associates with justice, morality and civilization. Lord Kitchener possesses a military code which distinguishes itself by unexampled barbarity, horror and a disregard for the elementary principles of international law. The enemy discovered a new method of torture by interning and ill-treating our women and children in concentration camps. No pen will ever be able to describe what these heroines have suffered. But when the enemy realized that such methods were not bringing about the desired result, he stooped to a still more abhorrent method: the incitement and arming of natives."

In a report which Smuts in the same year made to President Krüger, all this is confirmed, and he adds:

"Our poor country and people were punged in the winter of 1901 into a state of desolation and misery beyond all description. In the two Republics, nearly all farms and villages were destroyed and razed to the ground. Orchards and grain crops were ruined. As far as the eye could reach, there was nothing but smoke and ruin.

For some time past the war has developed into a campaign for annihilating the Boer nation. Day by day we hear of fresh deeds which confirm the words of the notorious British High Commissioner when he said: The Boers must be destroyed!"

The Boer women who were driven like cattle into the concentration camps, were allowed to take no luggage with them. They were summarily forbidden to take food with them for their children. As evidence of British savagery, Smuts quoted a letter found on a British officer killed at Bosfontein. This letter contained a graphic account of how this particular officer had set to work:

On one farm he had gathered Boer women and children round the piano. He made them sing "God save the King" and then leave the house after which he set it on fire. He found a lot of fun in watching Boer women trying the resue their belongings from burning farm houses. He even urged them on in their work. Then, when these poor unfortunate women, half-suffocated by smoke, were gathered together, he also burnt what they had rescued from the fire. "Their stupid faces were a picture. Some of them were raped by Cape boys-niggers-" was a brief passage in this particular letter.

President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, stated in a letter to Lord Kitchener, that British troops had fired on fleeing Boer women and children and that they had even used them as cover against Boer troops.

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The clergy of the Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Town protested on December 7, 1900, against the British atrocities. These atrocities raised a storm of horror and indignation throughout the whole civilized world; in France as well, where there were still people who recognized Britishers for what they actually were.

But in Britain, too, voices were raised in protest of the brutal methods employed by Kitchener. These protests, however, proved ineffective. But all the more weight was attached to the remarks of an insignificant war correspondent named Winston Churchill who, in an article in the "Morning Post" stated:

> "There is only one method to smash Boer resistance and that is: ruthless suppression. In other words: we must kill off the parents so that the children will respect us."

After the war, not all the Boer women and children were able to leave the concentration camps, as in most cases the husbands had been murdered, their homes destroyed and their farms ruined by British soldiers. Nowadays, however, after Adolf Hitler in his great speech at the Berlin Sport Palast has indicted Britain for her treatment of women and children and quoted the British concentration camps in the Boer Republics, British propaganda is making frantic efforts to forget these methods of terror and savagery. Not only the Boers but the whole civilized world stands aghast at the impudence contained in an article published by the official London "Times". "Lord Milner", this paper writes, "established concentration camps so that Boer women and children need not die of starvation. After certain initial difficulties, these concentration camps became so popular and comfortable that many women and children decided to remain in them after the war."

It is quite possible that many Englishmen flushed with shame on reading this attempt by the "Times" to disguise the real facts. Let us repeat once more: 6189 Boers fell in open warfare. In British concentration camps, however, 26370 women and children were foully murdered in South Africa!

Those were the methods employed at that time by British plutocrats in their war against innocent women and children of a civilized and industrious Boer nation. And today?

Rajendra Prassad, the President of the Indian Congreß, issued a statement in January 1940, in which he said:

"Britishers claim that they are fighting for liberty and peace. In reality, Britain is that nation which tries to enslave all other peoples in the same way that she has enslaved 350 million Indians. — exploited, ill-treated, insulted and abused them, poisoned them with alcohol and opium and finally left them to their tragic fate. That is what Britain understands by peace and liberty."

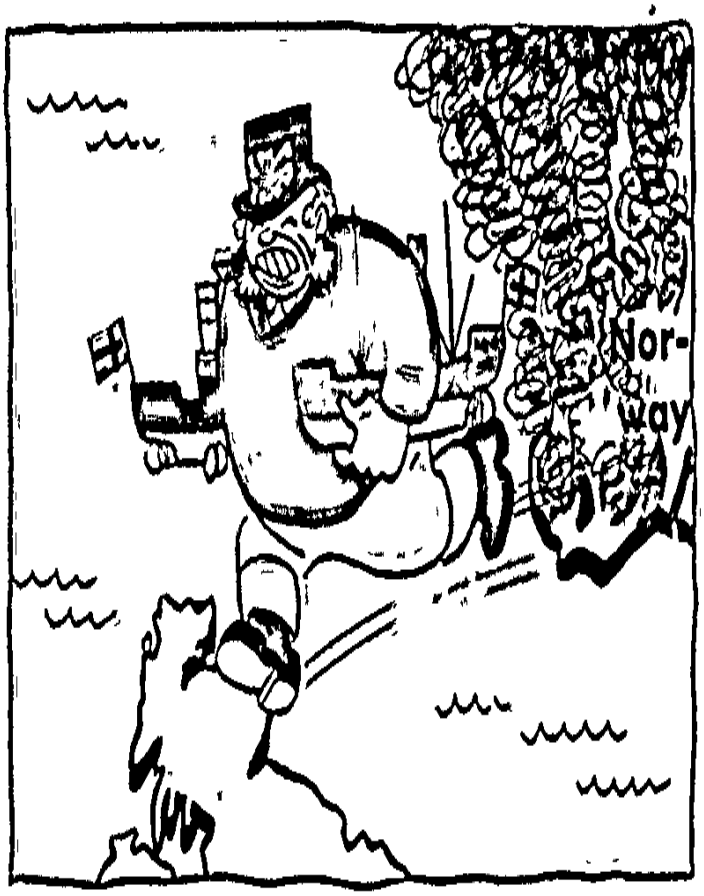
In the English War of 1939 Great Britain attempted, just as in the World War, to kill women and children by means of a blockade. This blockade not only affected Germany but the neutrals as well. However, the situation is different to what it was in 1914. Germany is secure from the British efforts to annihilate the German people by starvation, and the blockade became merely a boomerang for the English people. In this war Germany will free the peoples of Europe difinitely from the fate of enslavement by British plutocracy, and will give the world the freedom of the seas.

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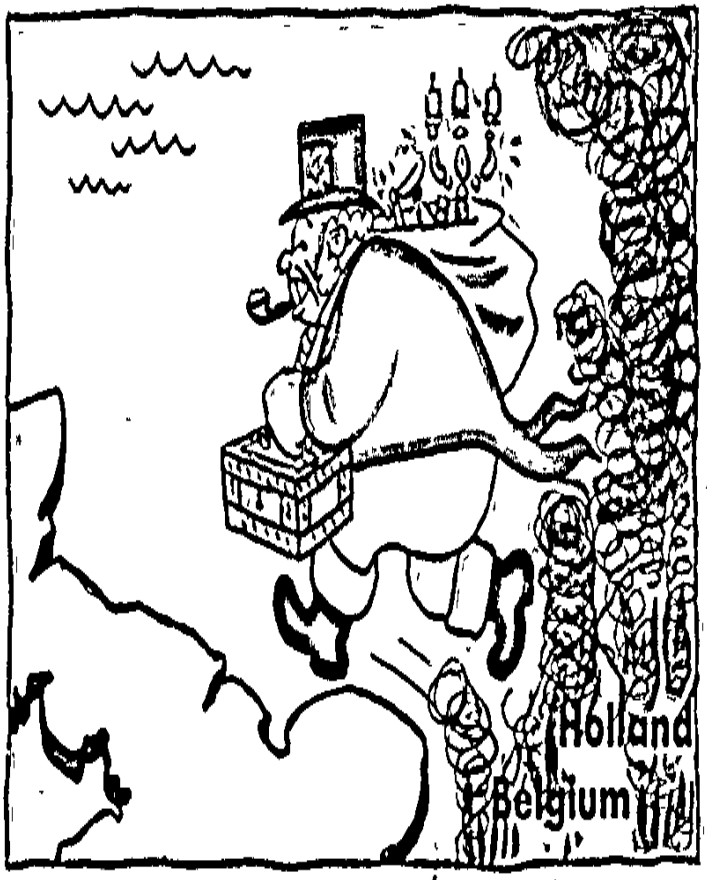
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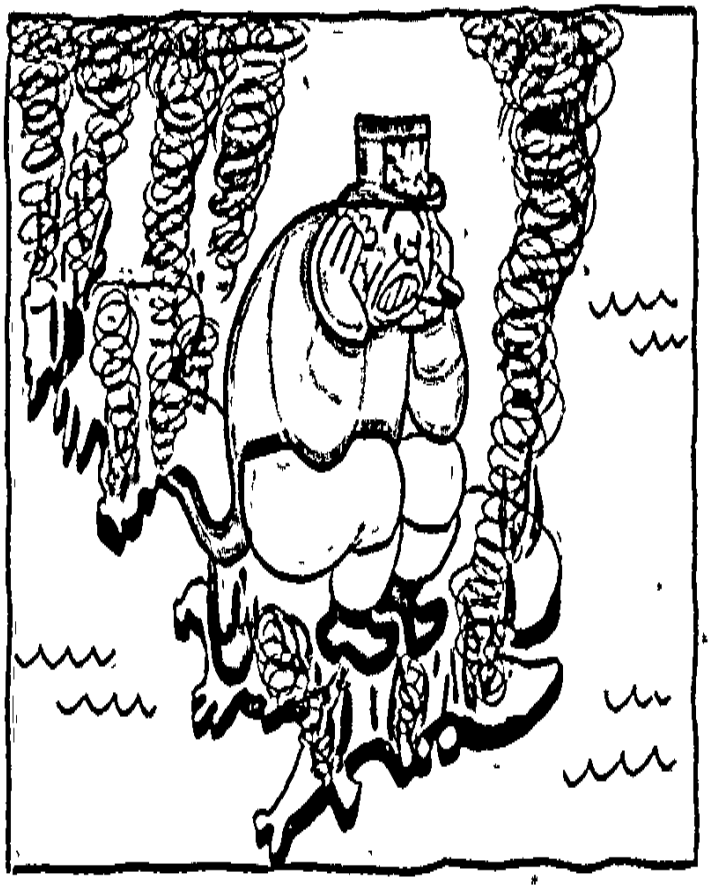
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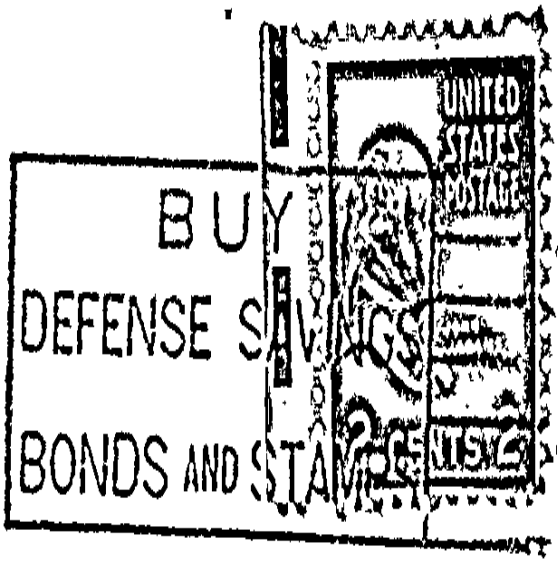
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1. Mandel-Rothschild, the Jewish Warmonger, institutes a Reign of Terror in France.

By the resignation of the Reynaud Cabinet and, bound up with it, the disappearance from the scene of the Jew Mandel-Rothschild, this article belongs to "past history". It possesses fundamental worth nevertheless, for it provides proof of the great hatred which the Jews have for everything non-Jewish.

France is undergoing a reign of Terror, instituted by the Jew Mandel-Rothschild. This Jewish warmonger is daily sentencing numbers of people to death: Patriotic Frenchmen, who realised what madness it was for France to enter this war, have fallen victims to this bloody justice. The French army is to be the "Sword of Israel" in this fight against anti-Jewish Germany. This is Jewry's decree; it is the decree of Jewry's mouthpiece in France, Mandel-Rothschild. Jewry wishes, by all the means at its disposal, to prevent the awakening of the nations. It therefore brutally smothers at birth every anti-Jewish movement in France and England. In England Sir Oswald Mosley and many of his followers have been arrested, for no other reason than that they proclaimed that this war was being waged merely for the greater honour of Israel. In France, too, all-powerful Jewry has dropped the mask. The notorious Jew, Mandel-Rothschild, former Colonial Minister has become Minister-Extraordinary for the Interior. The Jew Mandel-Rothschild was secretary to Clémenceau during the World-War. According to "La Libre Parole", February 1936, he is a high-grade Freemason of the B'nai B'rith Order. In 1936 he was Minister for Posts and Telegraphes in the Sarraut Cabinet. It was, however, an open secret that Mandel-Rothschild was the real ruler of France, and that the Sarraut Cabinet came into being at his instigation. Mandel-Rothschild has ever been the worst of warmongers. In 1936, upon the re-occupation of the Rhineland by German troops he was in favour of an immediate declaration of war against Germany. Shortly after this he prepared a radio-speech for the French Premier, Sarraut, which on account of its aggressive attacks against Germany, contained the elements of war, as it was meant to do. It has ever been the unswerving aim of this Jew, under all circumstances, to sacrifice the French nation (by engineering a war against anti-Jewish Germany) for the greater glory and honour of Israel.

His first act, after being elected Minister for Posts and Telegraphs in the French government was to issue a special postage stamp for the benefit of the Jewish immigrants from Germany. In his department he dismissed a number of Aryan Frenchmen and replaced them by Jews.

In the "New York American", January 23, 1936, in an article concerning Mandel-Rothschild, he was referred to as "the Mystery man of France" and as the coming Prime Minister. The "Les Guêpes" (Paris IIe, 19 rue du Croissant), as early as Nov. 12, 1935, expressed the same fear. It wrote:

"Included in the Laval government, without making much ado, Mandel is, after the manner of a mole, actively preparing his own promotion to the Premiership."

"Je Suis Partout", Dec. 12, 1938: wrote:

"M. Georges Mandel uses weapons of his own, and the foremost of these is the lie. M. Mandel is not a liar, he is the liar. The lie of M. Mandel is spontaneous, instinctive, natural, organic. It is at once a defensive- and offensive-reflex. It is, as such, part and parcel of the man himself so that it becomes most dangerous, as it is indistinguishable from the truth: everything is counterfeited, everything is false, everything is merely illusion and slipperiness, as soon as M. Georges Mandel puts in an appearance."

On Jan. 15, 1937, "World-Service" published an article, "Is the Jew Mandel-Rothschild to be the future Dictator of France?" Quoting a Paris correspondent we wrote:

"There are rumors of a new masonic plan, formulated by order of Judah, to force a war on anti-semitic Germany and fascist Italy Mandel-Rothschild is said to be the coming man in France."

Meanwhile it has come to pass. The Jew Mandel-Rothschild has become the most important figure in France, if only for a short time. The time, however, has sufficed for this Jew to choke down every voice that has been raised in protest on behalf of France. Filled with Jewish hatred for all that is not Jewish, this representative of the Jewish war-policy and of the Jewish plans for world-dominion, worked havoc in the French nation. By acts of terror, terror tactics and death sentences the Jew Mandel-Rothschild believed he could continue his Jewish war.

On May 21, 1940, martial law was declared in France which means that court-material was applied. This allows no appeal to a higher court, as court-martial sentences are usually promptly carried out.

The arbitrary and despotic rule that is at present rife in France is the work of the Jew Mandel-Rothschild. Every patriotic Frenchman who does not agree with the Jewish-plutocratic government, and above all, every anti-Jewish Frenchman, is everyman's game. Acting on the supposition that a man is a "defeatist", proceedings can be taken against any Frenchman. The dismissal and arrest of officials, prefects, mayors and others, is the order of the day. They are replaced by Jews or other creatures of Mandel-Rothschild.

The papers publish long lists of sentences upon pessimists and disseminators of rumors. A wave of arrests is sweeping through France. In Paris raids are common against "suspects". Drives are being formally carried out against anti-Jewish Frenchman. The Prefect of Police, Langeron, who control Paris, has, on the command of Mandel-Rothschild, searched over 2.000 cafés, restaurants and hotels. Over 62.000 persons have been stopped and searched in the streets of Paris. A great number of these have been arrested as suspects. Under the heading "Destroy the Fifth Colum"[1]), the "Gringoire" publishes the court-martial and execution of Frenchmen.

This procedure means, writes "Gringoire", that in future each person, who refuses or does not carry out a task or command, may be shot in the space of two hours.

The exploiting and suppression of French workers is celebrated in great triumph by the Jew-controlled plutocracy of France under the dictatorship of the Jew Mandel-Rothschild. The minimum working-period has been fixed at 84 hours a week. Holidays are cancelled. The Paris paper "Oeuvre" states that these measures are applied also to tuberulosis patients who have not completed the prescribed treatment. It is

[1]) The expression "fifth column" was coined in the Spanish Civil war. In the autumn of 1936 the march on Madrid was undertaken by four columns advancing from different directions. General Franco is said to have remarked that the taking of Madrid would be simplified by the fact that he possessed a fifth column in Madrid itself. By this he menat the many Spaniards in the city who sympathised with the national cause, and who would take up arms in his favour at the appropriate moment.

directly tragic to see these workers, who have barely escaped death, working 84 hours per week, without any off-duty or pause. Has the fact been grasped as to why those who refuse duty or do not fulfil the given task are shot down within the space of two hours? Has the fact been grasped that these executions take place in the factories?

Truly, the Jew Mandel-Rothschild understands his bloody handiwork. The Jewish-French plutocracy can, thanks to the terrorist methods of this French Minister for the Interior, wring war-profits out of the French worker to the last possible penny. The French nation groans under the burden of terrorism.

The murderous hand of Mandel-Rothschild is to be seen everywhere. In his blind hatred this Jew, this overlord of the French police and the Sûreté, does not even stop at condemning French front-line soldiers. A typical instance is reported from Nantes. In a café a French soldier, in a somewhat drunken condition, aired a few "defeatist" remarks. He was court-martialed and condemned to ten year's imprisonment. This draconic sentence is only one of the untold numbers that has been inflicted, for "the uplift of French morale". It is cited as an example to prove that even the French front-line solider is not spared this reign of terror.

The Jew-controlled French press naturally triumphantly supports the Mandel government and daily spurs the Minister for the Interior on to newer and more violent measures against the French nation.

"All bureaux, all post-office vans, lottery stands, all telephones and garages must be guarded by armed units, as revolt and military disintegration is everywhere lying in ambush. Nobody must be spared. Once more we advise the guarding of traffic, public buildings, the factories and arsenals. Moral restraint or even weakness would undoubtedly lead to the collapse of France." This is an example of an appeal in the Grimgour

The Paris paper "Ordre", in an article headed "Patriotic Terrorism", advocated that the most stringent measures should be taken against the defeatists.

It next welcomed the new Jewish taskmaster, the Jewish Minister for the Interior, Mandel-Rothschild, as its "friend" and continues:

"Your mission, my dear Mandel, is the realisation of national unity which you will accomplish if you completely terrorise all defeatists."

According to the Swedish paper "Stockholms Tidningen", 11 persons were condemned to death and 22 to long terms of hard labour in Paris on May 31, 1940. The accused were as usual charged with being traitors. Three days later the Paris correspondent of the „Svenska Dagbladet" reported that a further number of condemned persons were to be shot, among which was the stenographer of the Senate, Amourelle.

Mandel-Rothschild's murderous terrorism does not recognise the boundaries of other countries. By order of this Minister for the Interior, the Jew Mandel-Rothschild, the officials of the French Sûreté also carried out arrests and executions in Belgium. Dr. Mertens, well-known champion for the freedom of the Flemish people, was arrested and dragged off to France, as also the Belgian Colin, the director of the weekly paper "Cassandre". By order of Mandel-Rothschild the well-known anti-Jewish Léon Degrelle, leader of the Rexist Party, together with a number of his followers, was arrested and taken to France. Engineer Paul Winter, who was arrested at the same time, says that Léon Degrelle was forthwith murdered in Lille. In this way the blind hatred of the Jew Mandel-Rothschild found expression against this man, who, through his fight to bring about the re-birth of his people, became an anti-Jewish champion. Not only in Belgium, but also in Luxemburg and Holland numbers of patriots and anti-Judaists were arrested. For instance the Dutch nationalist leader Rost van Tonningen, with many other members of the Dutch anti-Jewish Mussert movement, was carried into captivity in France, while the brother of the nationalist leader, Mussert, was foully murdered. Rost van Tonningen and his friends were only saved from death by the rapid advance of the German troops. No less than 72 persons were foully murdered in Lille and Abbeville by the myrmidons of the Jew Mandel-Rothschild. They were not Frenchmen but of various nationalities, such as Hollanders, Belgians, Swiss, Italians, Russians, Germans and others.

The Jew Mandel-Rothschild removes and destroys all who resist Jewish domination. The nationality of the victims is not taken into account. Every truly patriotic Frenchman is murdered in like manner as every Hollander, Belgian or the subject of any other nation, irrespective as to whether the country to which he belongs is at war with France or not.

This is the utmost expression of Jewish hatred and revenge against everything that is national and non-Jewish. The present war is only the cloak which gives a semblance of legality to the crimes of the Jewish murderers.

At the command of the Jew Mandel-Rothschild a "Special Control Corps" has been instituted, composed of Jewish immigrants, whose special duty it is to spy upon all French households, families, shops and businesses, in search of conscientious objectors, defeatists and people who pass "anti-French remarks". These are to be reported and handed over for court-martial. It is therefore quite clear that the Jew Mandel-Rothschild has brought the French nation completely under the control of Jewish tyranny.

Only a country, that has completely placed itself in Judah's hands, a country that has become a Jew-controlled slave-colony and whose people are the willing victims of the Jews, can sink as low as France has done.

Of what good is it that the Jew Mandel-Rothschild has been replaced? His bloody vengence against all that is anti-Jewish in France, Belgium and Holland has been carried out. He will now disappear and leave the betrayed French nation to work out its own salvation.

(World-Service)

2. Why did the French not heed the words of General X?

There are a number of clearsighted, anti-Jewish, anti-Masonic Frenchman, who foresaw this Jew-fomented war and its unhappy ending for France. Their tragedy is, that they did not succed in preventing this war, and in convincing the French nation in its entirety as to the identity of its deadly enemy. One of these Frenchmen is General X. As early as in February 1939, that is, before the outbreak of war, he published an article in the Paris paper "La Bataille et l'Action antimaconnique" (No. 2/1939) under the heading "Jewish Freemasonry desires War", The article was noteworthy because it not only foretold the war but also exposed its causes and outlined the military course it would follow, a prophesy which has proved to be remarkably correct.

We quote from this article:

"Who created German unity and the power that accompanies it? The Treaty of Versailles, that act of Jewish-masonic treachery, which was signed by the French government"

"It appears that England, controlled by the "City" Jews, is our companion-in-arms, and the Freemason Roosevelt who has the New York Jewish banks to thank for his election, promises us his help"

"England: Her powerful fleet is as vunerable as all other fleets. It is already threatened by U-boats, and it is highly probable that it would soon be damaged or put out of action by the new types of bombing planes, fitted out with the latest adjustments for aiming bombs with great accuracy."

"Oh, I know full well that England produces innumerable planes, but she has declared that they are intended for the defence of her frontieres and factories. And her army: Only voluntary service; compulsory service is too anti-democratic. Not a man will they give us for the defence of our French frontiers."

"America: Everything is confined to discussion and encouragement concerning war against the totalitarian states. A successful European war would, of course, appreciably lessen the 11 Million number of unemployed, which the Freemason Roosevelt cannot employ."

"When war is declared the French soldier will naturally have to defend two or three fronts alone"

"We do not to-day possess a French government, but an anti-French government. Why? Because it is obeying the commands of Jewry and Freemasonry!"

"After the war of 1914 France was the foremost nation in all the world. The Jewish-masonic government thought of nothing else but the exploitation of the French nation, exactly as a band of gangsters would have done. The military budgets were squandered, parliamentary unity was destroyed by party strife; patriotism was made ludicrous. Masonic- and Stavisky-Radicals followed the Jews, who trod my beloved land under their feet and to-day it is groaning under the foreign yolk."

"During this period, 1933, Hitler took the government of the Third Reich into his own hands, obsorbed the 6 million unemployed into the economic scheme of things, developed the army and navy and created an immensely powerful air force. To-day he relies upon this power and demands his rights."

"Oh, it is easy to discuss the legitimacy of right, lawfulness, justice and morale. We have a number of speakers, who receive about 500.000 francs a year to discuss these in the League of Nations: But however plentifully their saliva flows, they have not yet been able to drown an army in it."

"This formula: "Might before Right" — and actually the former creates the latter — is not a principle discovered by Hitler, and it is a well-known English saying that "Might is Right"."

"This German might has the following appearance: Hitler has built more than one line to counter our Maginot Line. He opposes our 7,5 cm. guns by a 10,5 cm. one. His army is double the strength of ours. His navy increases daily as regards U-boats and air-plane carriers, which are the most interesting types of modern ships. Above all he has known how to create a powerful air-force within the space of a few years, which would quickly result in the winning of a war."

"Our war experts have maintained that air-planes cannot win a war. That is right, but they destroy the munition factories. They interfere with the delivery of munitions to the troops, as was formerly the case with the food supply when troops were surrounded. One can easily capture troops in the trenches when they have got down to the last cartridge"

"The Jews have established the front line of democracy — America, England, France — with the destruction of Hitler as their aim."

"The French soldier is now the only soldier of this democratic alliance."

"And the French-Jewish-Masonic group spurs the Frenchman on to war by a press and radio campaign. The aim which it has in view is to get the Frenchman spontaneously march for an Ideal which he will consider nantional, while in reality it is serving a Jewish purpose."

"This national idea of unleashing a war, did not take shape in its fullness during the Sudeten troubles, and the Jewish-Masonic Daladier Cabinet did not dare to give general mobilisation order."

"Mr. Daladier remembered in time that French blood may not be spilt in a Jewish cause, and he signed the Munich Pact in spite of the fact that the Jews in his ministry, Mandel and Jean Zay and a few other Freemasons urged him to declare war."

"In consequence of the Munich Pact the Freemasons made an attempt to bring about Daladier's fall by a general strike on Nov. 30., an attempt that failed; exactly in the same way they are now trying to bring about his fall on account of his intervention in Spain and of the differences with Italy."

"Blum is to be the new Prime Minister; then war will soon be declared and the mobilisation order will be signed."

"And when the Frenchmen are in the trenches, then the three million Jews and their friends who have remained in the background and have been [illegible]d into gladiator-battalions under the leadership of Blum, will quickly form a new government consisting only of Jews. If necessary, any insubordinate Frenchman, who may still possess the ambition of becoming a deputy, will receive short shift."

"Jewish commissars will be sent to the generals and Jewish machine guns will, as in the case of the international brigade in Red Spain, be placed behind the regiments of unwilling Frenchmen to induce them to advance beyond the safety of the trenches."

"This is what the Jews dream of, especially M. Mandel, who has made trouble for the Italians concerning the use of the Ethiopian railroad ever since his election at Colonial Minister."

"Later, the remarks of an Italian deputy, far less serious and insulting than the remarks made by Paul-Boncour, when he named Mussolini a „carnival-Caesor", were commented upon in detail and exagerated and a regrettable tension is developing between France and Italy."

"On both sides we are forgetting that we were allies during the war"

"We are truly forgetting it, but Mandel rubs his hands, for he believes that his idea of a local war will grow to be a world catastrophy"

"The Jews are being persecuted on all sides. Only France is open to them as a port in the storm. They must take advantage of the protection afforded them by the military might of France before it, too, becomes anti-semetic.

"Frenchmen, refuse to be soldiers in a Jewish war!"

"The history of France has known periods when one province has fought against the other. The Armag-

nacs fought the Bourguinons. By the union of the provinces peace was assured."

"It is madness for nations of the same race, such as France, Germany, Italy and England to butcher each other while on the horison there are dangers against which we should, from the very beginning, have combined."

"Our Jewish-masonic government has never ruled in the interests of France. It has turned France into a Jewish colony, and France is at present serving as a refuge for the Jews from all corners of the globe. She is the Land of Canaan"

"Frenchmen, wake up! The Jew wishes to serve his own ends to draw you into the war, whereas all nations belonging to the same race should unite!"

"In the case of war you will find yourselves between two fronts: the enemy from without and from within the Jew and his friends. And the latter will not be the least dangerous."

"Although you are disarmed by your Jewish-masonic-government you must stand up to the enemy when he invades your country without having cause to do so."

"Shed your blod to the last drop for France. But do not fight in a Jewish war which is not being waged for national reasons, and forthwith demand that no cabinet in which Jews sit, shall have the right to sign a mobilisation order."

"Your lives are too valuable to be disposed of by Jews."

So far we quote the words of this far-seeing General X. If the French nation and the French soldier, six months later, had been guided by the words of General X the war would have ben avoided and the French nation would have been spared much. To-day we can only subscribe the words: Too late!

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3. Where is the France of Philipp the Good?

Philipp the Good of France laid the foundation of French unity. He also bitterly opposed the Jews and secret organisations which were run on lines similar to masonic lodges. For instance, he forbad the Order of the Knights Templars, from whom the Freemasons have developed their tradition. Philipp the Good, even at that time, wished to introduce an autocratic economic system, free from the influence of gold. He is one of the great kings in French History.

The wording of an edict which he issued in July 1291 at the request of the inhabitants of Poitiers, who had long suffered under the rapacious methods of the Jews, ran as follows:

"Philipp, By the Grace of God, King of France, to all who read, Greetings.

Whereas it has been made known to Us, through the medium of many trustworthy men, that Our land of Poitiers is being shamelessly exploited and brought to the brink of ruin by a considerable number of Jews, who there devote themselves to the evil practice of usury and all manner of forbidden trade, and whereas We watch over the happiness of Our subjects and desire to fulfil their requests, which they have expressed in divers manners, We make known to all Prelates, Chapters, Abbots, Priests, Seminaries, Towns, Communities, Barons and lay persons of Our diocese of Poitiers and to all who administer authority, as well as all who depend upon such, that the Jews shall for all time, and irrevocably, be banned from the aforesaid diocese of Poitiers. We shall not again tolerate that they be domiciled or tarry in this place; We command that they shall be banned and driven forth by Our Seneschal before the birthday of Our Holy Virgin Mary."

(Translation of a document from "La Question Juive", by Mesgr. Henri Delassus (1911). Published by Desclée, De Brower et Cie. Quoted from the French paper "Le Grand Occident" No. 20/1936.)

If the Jews in present-day France received the same treatment as in the time of Philipp the Good, France would to-day be enjoying perfect peace. But in the France of to-day the call of the blood has been stilled and the government has been handed over to Jews and Freemasons.

To them, and to them alone, the French owe the fact that France has been plunged into an overwhelming catastophy and is bleeding itself to death. May the fate of France be an impressive warning to all the nations of the world! May all other nations learn from the collapse of France that Jewish domination is identical with the death of a nation and with racial deterioration! May all states come to the realisation that the banishment of the Jews from all countries will make possible and will guarantee the prosperous and mutually advantageous social life of the nations.

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4. The Typical Example of a Jewish Warmonger.

It is the Jews, and the Jews only, who, in a most unscrupulous manner, are involving the neutral countries in a war against anti-Jewish Germany. By means of the press, film, and radio they are endeavouring to create sympathy for the Western Powers, who are fighting Jewry's battle. A specimen of such Jewish warmongers is the "Hungarian" announcer of the B. B. C. (London), who, according to the Hungarian paper "Magyarság", Juni 8, 1940, has been given the task of winning the Hungarian nation over to the side of England and France, by false reports and bogus announcements of victories

The "Hungarian" announcer of the London radio is the Jew Eduard Scharfstein. He is the son of the Jewish butcher Moritz Scharfstein of Máramaross-ziget.

Eduard is a small, fat, red-headed Jew, whose spittle is much in evidence when he speaks. He began his career as a Talmud student. Later he acted as propagandist for a publishing house in Szatmár. Then came the Reinitz affair, the Szatmár sensation. Through his agents the Jew Reinitz found people who wished to smuggle money and valuables into the then still existing Czecho-Slovakia. Reinitz undertook to ensure their passage over the borders for a consideration. He did not however bring them safely to their destination, but enticed them into a wood on the borders of Czecho-Slovakia where he murdered and robbed them of their money. Seven such murders were incontestably fastened on to the Jew Reinitz. He was condemned to life-long imprisonment, as the death sentence was then unknown in Rumania. — Szatmár was handed over to Rumania after the World War.

The Jew Eduard Scharfstein was one of the agents of the Jewish murderer Reinitz. After his "Chief's" arrest he fled to his sister in London. This sister, Frida Scharfstein, had been employed with the paste-pot in the same publishing house for which her brother travelled. To-day she is a "famous" actress, and her brother is the "Hungarian" annouucer of the London B. B. C.

Why are these facts of interest? Because they once more show up the type of underworld Jew that is trying to spur the neutrals on to declare war against anti-Jewish Germany. To-day we know just how to treat the statements of the Jew Eduard Scharfstein, who, disguised as an "Hungarian" announcer, passionately bawls forth from the London broadcasting station: "We will fight till we have shed our last drop of blood."

We are certain that we would wait in vain for this last drop of blood. The Jewish assistant-murderer Eduard Scharfstein will, at the first sign of danger, betake himself to a safe funk-hole. The fighting he will leave to others. He fits in very well with the Jewish-English clique of warmongers. Churchill and Company. Truly, London could find no more worthy announcer than the Jewish assistent-murderer, Eduard Scharfstein.

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5. Put a Stop to the Warmongering Jewish Journalists!

If an investigation had to be made into the part played by the warmongering Jewish journalists of all countries, concerning the outbreak of the war and the poisoning of the minds of the public in all the countries now engaged in war against Germany as well as in the neutral countries, a most astounding state of affairs would be revealed. In fact the Jewish debt in this direction towards all nations is of gigantic proportions. Safely ambushed in their editorial offices these literary Jewish franctireurs fire off their war propaganda to urge the Neutrals into a war against anti-Jewish Germany for the purpose of giving new impetus the forlorn cause of the Western Powers.

One of these warmongering Jewish papers is the "Párisi Hirlap" printed in Hungarian. It is edited by the Hungarian imigrant Jew Franz Falus. The owners are the Jews Heinrich Simony-Stern and Arnold Adorján-Lackenbacher the ex-secretary of Michael Karolyi and the one-time reporter of the Hungarian Jewish "Az Est" papers.

The general public of Hungary welcomed the news that Minister Josef Varga had forbidden the postal delivery in Hungary of this warmongering Jewish paper from Paris.

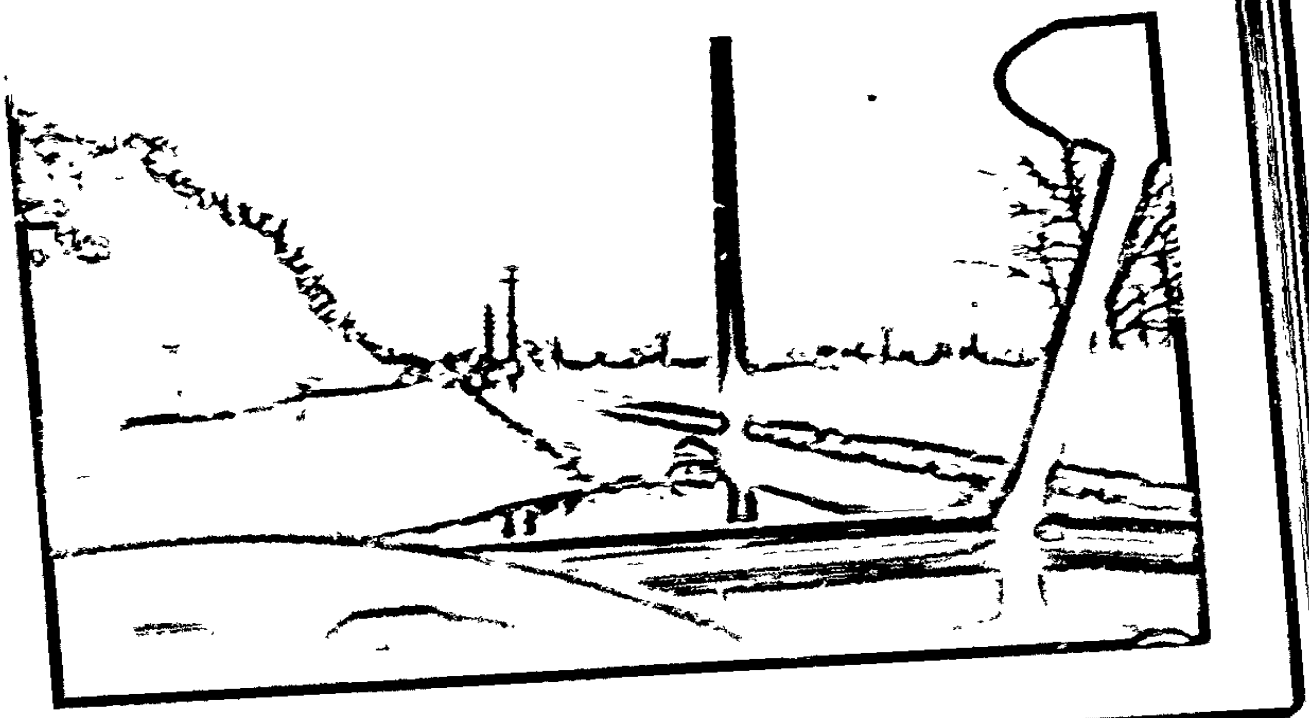
Unfortunately Paris boasts of other papers printed in Hungarian which serve to carry out the dark plans of Judah and have only the one aim, that of producing war propaganda for the purpose of confusing the Hungarians. Here we must name the "Párisi Kurir" edited by Ladislaus Boros, the former editor of "Esti Kurir", whose warmongering articles have been the subject of discussion in the Hungarian parliament, and the paper "La Revue Danubienne", printed in French, which is supposed to be a scientific production, and which was founded by the Paris correspondent of the "Esti Kurir", the Jew Eugen Gonda, in conjunction with the immigrant Jewish lawyer Jacob Bondi from Prague.

The "Revue Danubienne" concerns itself with discussing Hungarian revisionism in the interests of Jewry. It further argues the case for the Western Powers, makes propaganda for the revival of Czecho-Slovakia according to the ideas of the high-grade Freemason Benesch and champions the cause of the Danube Confederation.

The Jew Eugen Gonda is also in the pay of the notorious French Secret Service, the "Sûreté général", for whom he is a spy and an informer. The police proceedings which were taken in Paris against the Hungarian journalists Franz Hont and Karl Benedek were to be traced back to this Jew. It is to be regretted that this Jew Eugen Gonda also has close connection with the Hungarian consulate in Paris. The Jewish banker Heinrich Lukács who until a short time ago was living in Budapest is part-owner of the "Revue Danubienne".

It is in the interests of the Hungarian nation that these warmongering Jewish papers should forthwith be sealed, as they are only serving Jewry and its vassals, France and England, and therefore are directed against anti-Jewish Hungary.

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2nd Battalion, 1st Training Regiment

Training Schedule No. 7, Friday 27 February 1942

6:55 P.M.	First Call.			
7:00	Assembly.			
7:01-7:05	Roll Call.			
7:05-7:08	Move to stand.			
7:08-7:28	Announcements.			
7:28-8:22	Training Film: "Military Training," prepared by Signal Corps, U.S. Army.			
8:22-8:25	Move out to stand.			
8:25-9:45	Training Assignment:			
	Co. E. 1st Plat.	Extended Order	(8:25-8:55)	Field
	" "	Cover Drill	(8:55-9:25)	Field House
	" "	Company Drill	(9:25-9:45)	" "
	2nd Plat.	Cover Drill	(8:25-8:55)	" "
	" "	Extended Order	(8:55-9:25)	Field
	" "	Company Drill	(9:25-9:45)	Field House
	3rd Plat.	Cover Drill	(8:25-8:55)	" "
	" "	Extended Order	(8:55-9:25)	Field
	" "	Company Drill	(9:25-9:45)	Field House
	Co. F. 1st Plat.	Hand Grenades	(8:25-9:10)	" "
	" "	Company Drill	(9:10-9:25)	" "
	" "	Extended Order	(9:25-9:45)	Field
	2nd Plat.	Musketry	(8:25-9:10)	Field House
	" "	Company Drill	(9:10-9:25)	" "
	" "	Extended Order	(9:25-9:45)	Field
	3rd Plat.	Extended Order	(8:25-8:55)	"
		C.O.D. and M.A	(8:55-9:10)	Field House
	" "	Company Drill	(9:10-9:25)	" "
	" "	Cover Drill	(9:25-9:45)	" "
		1st Squad to Rifle Range	(7:05-7:45)	
		2nd Squad to Rifle Range	(7:45-8:25)	
		3rd Squad to Rifle Range	(8:25-9:05)	
		4th Squad to Rifle Range	(9:05-9:45)	
	Co. G. 1st Plat.	Company Drill	(8:25-8:40)	Field House
	" "	Extended Order	(8:40-9:10)	Field
	" "	Musketry	(9:10-9:45)	Field House
	2nd Plat.	Company Drill	(8:25-8:40)	" "
	" "	Extended Order	(8:40-9:10)	Field
	" "	Rifle Positions	(9:10-9:45)	Bartlett
	3rd Plat.	Company Drill	(8:25-8:40)	Field House
	" "	Rifle Positions	(8:40-9:10)	Bartlett
	" "	Extended Order	(9:10-9:45)	Field

Move to Range at QUICK TIME

Move to and from Bartlett and from Range at DOUBLE TIME

9:45-9:57	Battalion Formation
9:57-9:59	Company Announcements: Assign Reading: All Trainees required reading in "Essentials" Sec. on "Map Reading," Pars. 1-54.
10:00	Dismissal

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Battalion Commander

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6-11-40 14	Falls Church Va Rec 9676	
15	Facing	
7-27-40 16	Reports from Detroit Immigration Director.	
9-28-40 17	List of calls made by Wm Ibers to during May, 1940	
18	list of calls made by Dr Elmer Clarence during May, 1940	
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1/13/59 kb 20.) Copy of transcript of title search on property located at 6250 N. Wayne Ave.

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Chapter 38, Paragraph 144, Criminal Code:

Cruelty to Animals.—Whoever shall be guilty of cruelty to any animal in any of the ways mentioned in this section shall be fined not less than $3.00 nor more than $200.00, viz.:

1.—By overloading, overdriving, overworking, cruelly beating, torturing, tormenting, mutilating, or cruelly killing any animal, or causing or knowingly allowing the same to be done.

2.—By cruelly working any old maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal, or causing, or knowingly allowing the same to be done.

3.—By unnecessarily failing to provide any animal in his charge or custody, owner or otherwise, with proper food, drink and shelter.

4.—By abandoning any old, maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal.

5.—By carrying or driving, or causing to be carried or driven or kept, any animal in an unnecessarily cruel manner.

Chapter 38, Paragraph 146.—Bull Baiting, Cock Fighting:

Whoever shall keep or use, or in any way be connected with or interested in the management of, or shall receive money for the admission of any person to any place kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, dog, cock or other creature, and every person who shall engage, encourage, air or assist therein, or who shall permit or suffer any place to be so kept or used, and every person who shall visit such place so kept or used, or who shall be found therein, shall be fined not less than $3 nor more than $200.

HUMANE LAWS, CITY OF CHICAGO
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Whosoever shall be guilty of cruelty to animals in any of the ways mentioned in this section shall be fined not less than $3.00 or more than $100.00 for each offense, viz.:

1.—Overloading, overdriving, overworking, cruelly beating, torturing, tormenting, mutilating, or cruelly killing any animal, or causing or knowingly allowing the same to be done.

2.—By cruelly working any old, maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal, or causing, or knowingly allowing the same to be done.

3.—By unnecessarily failing to provide any animal in his charge or custody, owner or otherwise, with proper food, drink, shelter and air.

4.—By abandoning any old, maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal.

5.—By carrying or driving or causing to be carried or driven or kept, any animal in an unnecessarily cruel manner.

6.—By carrying, or causing to be carried, keeping or causing to be kept, any animal bound or tied by its legs, or bound down by the neck, or so that it cannot freely stand in an upright position while being transported, or by carrying, or causing to be kept, any animal in any crate or cage so constructed as to permit such animal to push its head between the slats, wire or other openings of such crate or cage unless the spaces between the slats or wires are also sufficient to permit such animal to freely withdraw its head therefrom.

The word "animal" as used in this section shall be taken, and is hereby defined, to mean any dumb creature.

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Senator Vest's Tribute To A Dog

This great literary gem deserves its worldwide fame. It was an address by U. S. Senator George Graham Vest of Missouri, to a jury on September 23, 1870 in the couthouse at Warrensburg, Missouri. The owner of a coonhound was suing for damages from a neighbor accused of shooting the dog.

Vest, then just beginning his law career, spoke briefly to the jury, which came back promptly with a verdict for $300.

This trial was the final one of four court appearances. Nine attorneys were involved in the various proceedings. Altho Vest went on to win great political fame and high office, he is remembered almost solely for his brief address, usually referred to as *Vest's Tribute to a Dog*.

A full account of the various court proceedings is found in the book Scrapbook & Anthology on Dogs, 1957 edition.

THE BEST FRIEND a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith.

THE MONEY a man has he may lose. It flies away from him when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us, may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its clouds upon our heads.

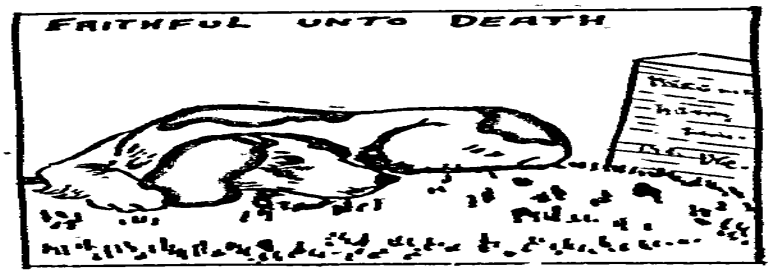
THE ONE absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

A MAN'S DOG stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the sores and wounds that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.

WHEN ALL other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

IF MISFORTUNE drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies.

AND WHEN the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true, even in death.



BAN HUMANE SOCIETY COPS, ALDERMEN ASK

The city council committee on judiciary and state legislation yesterday recommended repeal of a city ordinance empowering the police commissioner to name special policemen, entitled to carry weapons and make arrests, at the request of societies dealing with cruelty to animals or children.

The development stemmed from disclose by THE TRIBUNE last December that three members of the American Humane society, 6250 Wayne av., had such special police commissions. The society's address was the home of William B. Wernecke, convicted draft dodger and former German-American bund leader.

Police Commissioner O'Connor urged the repeal of the ordinance.

DROP REPEAL PLEA ON ANIMAL GROUP POLICING

The city council committee on judiciary and state legislation yesterday withdrew its recommendation for repeal of an ordinance permitting Police Commissioner O'Connor to give police powers to members of societies devoted to prevention of cruelty to animals and children.

The committee acted after representatives of animal welfare organizations said such powers were essential in carrying on their functions. The committee told them to confer with O'Connor to work out some limited power plan under which the city would be freed of liability.

The committee recommended repeal last month at the request of O'Connor. This was an outgrowth of disclosure last December by THE TRIBUNE that such powers had been granted members of the American Humane society, which gave as its address the home of William B. Wernecke, 6250 Wayne av., convicted draft dodger and former German-American bund leader.

KILLED BY LOCOMOTIVE

An unidentified man, a Negro, about 65 was killed by a Baltimore & Ohio railroad locomotive early yesterday in the 460 block of Fillmore av.

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We think this Article appeared Oct. 25, 1957 but it was in the Tribune.

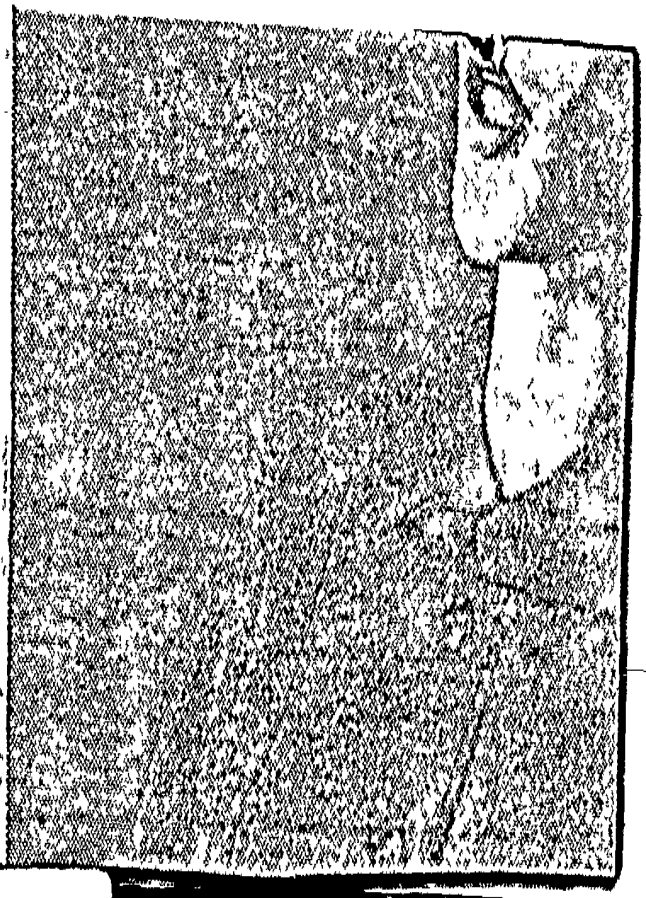
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Chicago, Ill.

By: G-3

June 25, 1939:

Altho I have nothing definite to go on, it seems possible that WERNECKE's farm at Wadsworth, Ill. is being used by various organizations to drill men and perhaps even to store arms. BILL WERNECKE is out there a great deal these days.

DEKAYVILLE is still in town, apparently not being able to raise enough money to get out of town. He claims to have gotten together enough for his trip, but not enough to get to New York. He is selling cheap watches, and sold a bum one to someone in JENKINS' office.

MRS. WASHBURN's meeting was, as usual, a flop. HEATH (Rufus) showed up, and REYNOLDS from Jenkins' office, and a certain HERBERT GRAF, who is a salesman without a job who has sold about a hundred of the NATIONAL LIBERTY PARTY booklets. JOHNSON wasn't there, but wants to be there next week if she has a meeting, as he needed a week to prepare his talk.

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June 20, 1939:

DR. PENNINGSDORF (Penningsdorf) was there and introduced MRS. WASHBURN and me to a MR. JOHNSON who he said was a representative of GEORGE DEATHERAGE travelling around the country to make contacts and look over the field. JOHNSON says that DEATHERAGE's only trouble now is to rake up some money somewhere, and apparently he's had no luck with the rich men he's approached, so now he thinks he'll try the workers and the small business men. He is planning to see HEALEY today for the first time and maybe work with him on the GENTILE TRADE UNION idea. However, he feels that HEALEY made a mistake in printing application blanks in his new issue of "The Key" and asking workers to fill them out and mail them in.....

PENNINGSDORF claims that the BUND asked him to investigate the three Communists who were at the picnic yesterday and take photographs of them. On the other hand, however, he doesn't seem to be on too good terms with the BUND leaders, because he says that BILL WERNECKE, under orders of the BUND, tried to seize control of the organization which he, Penningsdorf, and REV. LINDENMEIER tried to set up, and when they refused to make him Chairman, got COLONEL BLACKEY in instead. Penningsdorf claims he gave a lot of information about BLACKEY to the police. He says that the BUND is doing its best to break up all organizations that they can't dominate.

MRS. WASHBURN told me that PENNINGSDORF once took her into a room in his house in which there were a large no. of files and told her that this was information he had unearthed and compiled for the German Government. He also showed her some of the material.

She got a letter from EDITH HARTUNG of Detroit, telling how both she and DR. ABBOTT of Highland Park had been raked over the coals for distributing anti-Semitic literature. She couldn't imagine how the Jews got to know about it. Of course she said that both she and Abbott recanted. That didn't, however, mean that either one of them would stop doing it.

WASHBURN also told me MISS DUSENBERRY (Purdy Book Shop in Stevens Bldg) told her that anyone wanting to buy a subscription to "SOCIAL JUSTICE" and not having the $3.00, could get in touch with a certain CAVANAUGH, with an address somewhere around 1200 S. State St., who would pay part of every subscription.....

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May 15, 1939:

RAYMOND HEALEY has come out with a new magazine, which I think is being financed by WERNECKE, altho others have probably contributed also. He writes it and peddles it on the street. He made a short, fiery speech at the BUND meeting last Wednesday nite, which aroused great enthusiasm.

WERNECKE and HEALEY were distributing tickets and leaflets for a meeting on Sunday, May 14, at which Healey was scheduled to speak. However, he was not permitted to speak. Altho he announced it as a joint meeting, it turned out to be the first large get-together of the COUGHLINITES. They received, I understand, instructions at the last minute from COUGHLIN to lay off the rabble-rousing stuff, so HEALEY was left out in the cold. THORINGTON spoke on the money question and made a plea for NATIONAL UNION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, as did DENIS MALOY. ROY ZACHARY was there and was asked to make a short speech, which he did in his usual style. MRS. SOMMERS (owns Sommers Hall) was lauded to the skies for her work in behalf of the NUSJ. She donated the hall, and has promised to do so once a month for meetings. May 28th she is showing "SPAIN IN ARMS", the Franco picture.

HOMER MAERTZ was there, altho he didn't speak, and a fellow named KORP, a member of JENKINS' organization. Also the same detective was there that I had seen taking HEALEY's stickers at the BUND.

KORP told me that JENKINS expects to speak over Station W-H-I-P regularly, in fact every evening between 6 and 7..... MRS. WASHBURN has a man working for her, that is he sells NATIONAL LIBERTY PARTY booklets for her, and keeps all the money. His name is HERBERT GRAF, and he used to work for the same firm she works for, only he was laid off. He's sold quite a few, and one of his most important contacts seems to be FRED KROTH, 6 N. Michigan, who is a SILVER SHIRT and has an important list of names.....

May 8, 1939:

MRS. WASHBURN has been getting into trouble; had her face punched by PAT JOHNSON, and her glasses broken. There was a first class row, with everybody in the house joining in against Mrs. W. She's moved to the Hotel Atlantic. She called in the police, and is supposed to appear in the Chicago Ave. Court against Johnson this morning, but won't go.

May 1, 1939:

<u>HEWTON JENKINS</u> spoke at the BUND meeting last Wed. nite. He rambled on about his trip, piling on the admiration for the Nazis, but was stupid enough to admit that the cost of living is very high there, and that wages are very low. He promised the audience many more talks on the same subject.....His talks are always the same, according to WERNECKE. KATZMANN and REYNOLDS were there with JENKINS, selling his book for 25¢ now.

MRS. WASHBURN has been corresponding with a MISS EDITH HARTUNG, Priscilla Inn, Detroit, Michigan, who is employed in a Detroit bank, and who is quite active in anti-Jewish work. She claims to have the backing of the President of the Board of Education of Highland Park, Mich.....Mrs. W. is also in touch with WILLIAM SCHAUMANN of the AMERICAN NORDIC ARYAN FEDERATION, Portland, Oregon.

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April 24, 1939:

MRS. WASHBURN has been corresponding with a certain R. MARSHALL, 6558 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich., who is in the advertising business. He is strongly anti-Jewish. DONALD SHEA wrote to FRANK CLARK demanding that MRS. WASHBURN be made to resign from the NATIONAL LIBERTY PARTY, and promising the support of the CANADIAN GENTILE LEAGUE, the NATIONAL GENTILE LEAGUE, etc., if she got out. It seems that some F.B.I. men are on his trail, for sending out private mail in franked envelopes. He claims that MRS. WASHBURN did it.

April 17, 1939:

There was a Northwestern University student at the BUND meeting the other nite, whom WERNECKE expected to sign up very soon. I couldn't catch his name, but his address is 1005 E. 62nd St. He has been xxx wearing a Swastika pin since last summer, and may have had something to do with what happened on the campus last Sunday. WERNECKE had been out to the Evanston campus some time before trying to rouse the students, and expects to become quite active there.

April 11, 1939:

CHRISTIANS has boasted that he had lunch with GENERAL VAN HORN MOSLEY a couple of weeks ago. He sends all the anti-Semitic inquiries that he gets and doesn't want to touch himself, to MRS. WASHBURN to follow up.

She got a letter from PAUL STUMM suggesting that she contact a MRS. ERNST ROEHR, Bear Creek, Wilkes Barre, Penna., whose husband is head of the NAZI CORPS there, and who is a strong anti-Semite. Also, STUMM is now promoting the NATIONAL LIBERTY PARTY, and has interested JOHN STAUFFENBERG, editor of the "NATIONAL AMERICAN", 147 E. 125th St., N.Y.C.

April 3, 1939:

MRS. WERNECKE.....informed investigator that HOMER MAERTZ is now completely discredited there, that his current-events classes on Monday nite were a flop, as was his rally for THOMPSON. The meeting sponsored some weeks ago by the JOINT COUNCIL OF PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATIONS, was really BILL WERNECKE's brain-child, but MAERTZ tried to horn in and take the credit and the bankroll. She says she knows that the Jews have certain information about her, and that the only place they could have picked up that particular type of information was at the BUND.....She said that because BILL (Wernecke) is doing so much important work and has so much important material at their apartment, she tries to arrange to have someone there all the time, and that they are instructed not to answer the doorbell, so that if anyone tries to get in thinking the house is empty, they'll have a pleasant surprise.

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April 5 - cont'd:

MRS. WASHBURN has stopped corresponding with CLARK temporarily, because he insulted her or something of the like, and she informed him that if he didn't apologize she's break away from him and connect up with DEATHERAGE. She received a letter from DONALD SHEA, and keeps on getting letters from GEORGE CHRISTIANS giving her names of people who write to him asking for anti-Jewish literature, and which he doesn't like to handle himself directly.

March 21, 1939:

MRS. WASHBURN rec'd a letter from CLARK - or rather copies of letters he had sent to DEATHERAGE, to CHRISTIANS, and to SIMMONS (BIRTHYI's publisher) who by the way was campaign mgr for Governor Fitzgerald in his campaign against Murphy. In these letters CLARK mentions that he has been interviewed by a United Press correspondence and spilled everything he knows. This, he expects, will electrify the world. He also writes to KISSINGER, who sent him a copy of the "NATIONAL AMERICAN". CLARK hints that while he is of course not Jesus himself, he might be his brother.

MRS. WASHBURN stated that she met a DR. ANDERSON, a dentist with office in the Field Annex, who is holding secret meetings of the PAUL REVERES there.....

March 15, 1939:

CLARK is apparently tremendously disappointed at what "LIFE" magazine said about him. He was naive enough to believe that they would play him up as the Great Leader. He has as yet received no response from anyone because of this publicity. He has written to the Catholic Legion of Decency to have them investigate "Life" as an indecent magazine. Also, he has an explanation of the whole thing. It is obvious that PELLEY is the tool of the Jewish owners of "Life", which is why they put his pictures first, and gave so much space to the SILVER SHIRTS in Chehalis, Wash., and said that nowhere in PELLEY's writings is there any advocacy of the killing of the Jews.

March 3, 1939:

MRS. WASHBURN has been having some correspondence with a PAUL STUDER, head of the New York Chapter of the AMERICAN FREE ECONOMY LEAGUE, 253 W. 72nd St., who is somewhat cautious about the Jewish question, but agrees with COUGHLIN that the Jews are the cause of our money troubles.

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Chicago

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February 27, 1939:

WERNECKE told me that Wed. morning, the day after the Sommers Hall meeting, he was in a grocery store and overheard a group of fellows talking about it (referring to the rally for Bill Thompson when Homer Maertz took over the latter part of the program). Wernecke spoke to them and they said they belonged to the KU KLUX KLAN and that about 100 of them who lived in the neighborhood of the meeting went to it armed with lead pipes. They had gone on behalf of the COUGHLINITES who attended the meeting. When it was mentioned (by investigator) that the KLAN was supposed to be against the Catholics, he said that it was quite different now, and that they thoroughly approved of COUGHLIN. Wernecke was asked if he knew much about the KLAN, and he said no, that he had never been allowed to go to one of their meetings but that he knew a few of them.

DR. OTTO WILLUMEIT, leader of the Chicago unit of the BUND, is leaving for the West Coast shortly, to see SCHWINN, and promised MRS. WASHBURN to contact FRANK CLARK in Tacoma.....

February 20, 1939:

WERNECKE told me a little more about his visit with COUGHLIN. He stated that the priest's secretary, a man named RICHARDS or something similar to that, asked him (Wernecke) when they were going to kill 300 or 400 of the Chicago Jews. Wernecke, surprised at the length to which he went in his sentiments, said they hadn't thought of doing that just yet. COUGHLIN laughed and said he thought it needed doing.

There is to be a "Gigantic Patriotic Rally" on Tuesday, February 21, at Sommers Hall, sponsored by the JOINT COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS.

~~February 18, 1939:~~

Saw WERNECKE at the Wed. nite BUND meeting. He had returned that morning from a trip to Royal Oak and Windsor, Ont. Showed me a letter he had rec'd from COUGHLIN arranging for a meeting, and told me that he had had a two-hour conversation with him. From there he had gone on to Windsor, and had a consultation with some of the CANADIAN FASCIST leaders. He wouldn't tell whether one of them was ARCAND or just who.....

January 30, 1939:

NEWTON JENKINS left about two weeks ago for Germany. He hopes to sell his book to GOEBBELS.

January 23, 1939:

I have reason to believe that HOMER MAERTZ is living with the WERNECKES. The girl, Miss Marcelle, told me that she spends most of the time that she is in the city (she lives in Libertyville, Ill) staying with Mrs. Wernecke, and that she wasn't interested in going to MAERTZ's lectures on Monday nit at the BUND because she hears him all day and all nite. The address is 6000 Wayne Ave.

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Jan. 23'd continued:

TONI MUELLER is leaving for Germany this week, ALFRED BENNIN (also head of a SILVER SHIRT Council) is going very soon, and in fact at least a dozen are going in the near future. Some of them (didn't get their names) are going to stay because they find that their chances of getting jobs are practically nil when it is discovered that they are Nazis, and they're going back to Germany to find work. They say that here employers ask if they are Germany, and when informed yes then they're refused.

BILL WERNECKE is going to Germany in the spring for a few weeks, and his girl may go with him if she has the money. His mother is going along.

January 9, 1939:

MRS. WASHBURN is all hot and bothered, this time because FRANK CLARK has informed her that he is arranging a march on Washington, and this time there will be guns in the men's pockets.....

At the BUND meeting last Wed. nite, DEKAYVILLE gave his farewell talk. He is leaving for German shortly to help organize the UKRAINIAN and WHITE RUSSIAN Freikorps, with which Germany will attempt to incite trouble in the Soviet Ukraine. He stated he has been out of a job for three months and inferred that the Nazi government was paying his way. He gave a graphic description of just how the Nazis were using the Russian Fascists under Bodziansky and Solonievitch in Manchukuo and the Carpatho-Ukraine to stir up trouble. He stated they planned to use the Grand Duchess Kira, and her husband Louis Ferdinand, the grandson of the Kaiser, who is under Hitler's thumb, in an attempt to restore the monarchy in Russia.

January 5, 1939:

Was in the Monadnock Bldg., the other day, and met MRS. DILLING. She thoroughly approved of my opening a bookshop, and spoke very freely against the Jews. Told me that she was going to go out and raise money to keep her office going - the PATRIOTIC RESEARCH BUREAU. Stated that up till now her husband paid the rent and the girls' salaries. Has two working for her.

Stated that on her recent trip abroad in all her conversations with anti-Communist leaders they stressed the Jewish angle, and also the occult angle, and she urged me to send to the PATRIOTIC PUBLISHING COMPANY in London, GERALD McDERMOTT, publisher, to get "Light Bearers of Darkness" a book recommended by NESTA WEBSTER, showing how the powers of darkness have gotten control of the minds of men. She also mentioned J. B. MATTHEWS as a good friend of hers. "He and I speak the same language", she said.

WILLIAM L. WERNECKE

(1)

Wernecke is Secretary of the Nazi Bund, Chicago, Illinois.

Home address - 3250 Wayne Ave - Chicago. Office address - 30 N. LaSalle St. His age - 30 years. Occupation - broker. According to testimony presented before Judge Gibson E. Gorman, in the Chicago Boys' Court, on March 10, 1938, it was revealed that William Wernecke is apparently in business with his Mother. The bulletin board in the lobby of the building at 30 N. LaSalle St reads: "William L. Wernecke and Bertha L. Wernecke". There is no indication of the type of business on the door leading to the office, merely marked - "William L. Wernecke".

(1) William L. Wernecke attended the meeting of the German-American Bund, held at Germania Hall, on Germania Place in Chicago, February 23, 1938, and at this meeting caused the arrest of Dr. von Schroetter, John Fischer and Ray Pauly. According to the doctor, William Wernecke and his Mother, who also attended the Bund meeting at Germania Hall, accused Dr. von Schroetter of precipitating the fight which almost caused a riot toward the end of the Bund meeting. Wernecke and his Mother followed the doctor out of the hall and pointed him out to the policeman as the person responsible for the disorder. At the Hudson Avenue Police Station, where all were booked, Wernecke definitely stated that he was not a member of the Bund and never attended any of their previous meetings. He accused John Fischer and Ray Pauly of attacking him when he spoke to Dr. von Schroetter after the Bund meeting. When Wernecke's case was called before Judge Gorman, Wernecke positively stated that he was not a member of the German-American Bund, although he was defended by an attorney who was apparently engaged by the Chicago faction of the Nazi Bund. In connection with this case, he signed counter-complaints against the two boys - Fischer and Pauly - who were taken into custody as a result of the Germania Hall Bund meeting.

(2) It was in May of 1938 that Wernecke appeared before Judge Holland, Chicago, making a complaint against the editor of "Ken" Magazine on the charge of circulating "indecent literature". This was made by William L. Wernecke in the name of the German-American Bund.....

(3) It seems apparent that William Wernecke's farm at Wadsworth, Illinois is being used by various organizations to drill men and perhaps even to store arms. Wernecke is said there a great deal. (June 1938).

(4) Miss Dusenberry, proprietor of the Purdy Publishing Company, Stevens Bldg., Chicago, Illinois, was approached to supply leaflets and stickers of a nature which was viciously anti-Semitic, and finding she was unable to furnish them attempted to contact William Wernecke, whom she reached atthe office of Newton Jenkins, head of the Third Party movement in Chicago, and organizer of "U.S. Unite". The leaflets and stickers furnished by Wernecke he said came from the supply owned by a salesman from California who came to the Bund Headquarters in Chicago every week. He didn't know whether this man was a member of the Nazi Bund, the Silver Shirts, or both. (November 1938). Wernecke wears a pin, small and bronze, with the words "U. S. Unite", the name of Newton Jenkins' organization.

Wernecke, in mentioning Edwin Paul Richter, commander of the "Brotherhood of Builders of Business", stated he was a "professional promoter" and that he was always "doing crazy things such as calling a meeting, then kicking the people out before it started".

(5) In speaking of Alfred Dennin, formerly a Bund member and more recently an organizer for Pelley's Silver Shirt Legion of America, Chicago, Wernecke stated

he thought him a very narrow person and jealous of his rights. His reason for stating this is that when Wernecke tried to join the Silver Shirts, Alfred Bonnin informed Wernecke he must resign from the Bund organization. Wernecke then wrote William Dudley Pelley, Commander of the Silver Shirts, at Asheville, N. C. to find out if this is true, but Pelley denied it and said Wernecke could join at any time.

Wernecke attended a meeting of Mrs. Lois deLafayette-Washburn's organization, which meeting was held at the home of Dr. W. Pennigsdorf, at one time a member of the "Friends of New Germany" and still very much interested in the Bund organization as well as other groups of like character. (November 1938).

Wernecke, Dr. Willumeit, and George Froboese travelled to New York, apparently to meet with Fritz J. Kuhn, National Leader of the Nazi Bund in America. Wernecke did not return until late in December of 1938, followed a few days later by Willumeit and Froboese. Wernecke addressed the Bund meeting in Chicago immediately after this trip. Spoke in English.

During a conversation with a visiting guest of the Bund at a Bund meeting in early February, 1939, Wernecke revealed that the week-end prior he had a conference with Father Charles E. Coughlin at Royal Oak, Michigan. He showed evidence, in letter form, that Father Coughlin had asked that Wernecke come up to Royal Oak for the conference. During this conference Father Coughlin's secretary, a man named Richards, was present. Richards asked Wernecke when they were going to kill off "three or four hundred of the Chicago Jews". Wernecke stated his reply was that they hadn't thought of doing that just yet. Father Coughlin laughed at that, Wernecke said, and stated - "However, it needed doing".

Early in January of 1939 William Wernecke began making arrangements to hold a large meeting on February 22nd, in which meeting all organizations friendly to the Bund will participate. Colonel Edwin H. Dudley, of the Paul Revere Society, was one of the many who put up $20.00 to sponsor the meeting. The Huntington Hall was rented for the occasion, but contract was cancelled, after which the Bund members were at a loss as to where their meeting was to be held. It was finally held at the Dunbar, 3555 N. Western Ave.

It was in May of 1939 that there was a suspicion that Raymond J. Healey's publication, "The Key" (official organ of the Gentile Workers Party of America, and published by the Irish-American Patriots), was being financed by William Wernecke.

Investigation revealed that Box #3620, Merchandise Mart Station, Chicago, Ill., address of "The Key", is William Wernecke's box.

Early in April of 1939 Wernecke had visited the campus at the Evanston of Northwestern University, in an attempt to rouse the students. He intimated he expects his movement to become quite active there. As a result of this visit to the Evanston campus one student began wearing a Swastika pin.

Information revealed that William Pernecke holds a meeting every Monday night at the hall owned by his Mother at 678 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill. (Nov. '38). Both Pernecke and a Mr. Cappella (an Italian) are followers of a Mr. Stevens, who is a Bund member and located at 205 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.

Pernecke attended Silver Shirt Council meeting held at the home of Fred Pokorney, on December 30, 1938. It was found that Roy Beckwith, who also attended this Council meeting, is closely allied with Pernecke and Newton Jenkins in the organization known as "U. S. Unite". Beckwith had come from New York with Pernecke at the time they had gone there to see Fritz Kuhn.

In January of 1939 William Pernecke had been approached by the Ku Klux Klan to organize a large mass meeting in which all the anti-Jewish organizations will participate, such as the Silver Shirts, the Bund, American Fascists, U. S. Unite, etc Also a Gentile Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On January 26, 1939 there was held the regular meeting of the Nazi Bund at the Bund headquarters, which was attended by Pernecke, and in particular one Max Bohmann who sells "Liberation" magazines at Bund meetings. At this time Pernecke conveyed that Newton Jenkins is in Europe. Pernecke stated he had contacted Hugo Eger, coordinator in Chicago area of the Silver Shirt Councils, to get his approval and support of the joint mass meeting, at which Wilhelm Kunze, Public Relations Director of the Bund, will be the guest speaker.

A patriotic mass meeting, presided over by Dr. Homer Rhees, was held on February 20, 1939. At this meeting the more prominent individuals representing the significant organizations were as follows: Pernecke, of the Bund; Alfred Dennin, organizer for the Silver Shirts; Hugo Eger, coordinator for the Silver Shirts in Chicago territory; and the circulation manager of "Social Justice" magazine, as well as many others.

At the beginning of the year 1939 there was organized a Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, of which William Pernecke was Chairman, and Colonel Benjamin Blackey the Secretary. At the meeting of this organization on March 6, 1939, William Pernecke presided. There were representatives at this meeting of the Kolman Organization (Communist), the Nazi Bund, the American Veterans' Committee, and the Silver Shirts.

At the March 14, 1939 meeting of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizatior at which Pernecke was elected as permanent Chairman, the group was told about a new anti-Semitic organization named the "Black Camellias", headed by Colonel Moseley.

At the meeting of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations held at the Bismarck Hotel on April 18, 1939, nearly one-half of the attendants were Coughlinites. A Mr. Grainger, of the Ku Klux Klan, informed group that Klan is becoming more active Mr. S. A. Ackley represented the Anglo-Saxon Federation at this gathering.

It was at the meeting of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations held on April 27, 1939 that Pernecke introduced a young speaker from New York - one Raymond Joseph Healey, who has been in jail in New York. He is very much a fire-brand. His theme was "Irishmen, Fight Communism".

June 8, 1939 was the date of a meeting at Raymond Healey's apartment, attended by Fred Pokorney and William Pernecke, at which time Healey gave forth the information that he is taking out a charter on a political organization called the "Gentile Workers Party of America".

At meeting on July 10, 1939 held by the Bund at the Haus Vaterland, Bund headquarters, Raymond Healey spoke for a few minutes on his own particular persecution and in re his being jailed time after time for "spreading the truth". Spoke of his experiences in jail and on the Chain Gang. Healey was released on bond for $50.00, paid by Dr. Gaertner, Behmann and Wernecke, after his arrest for distributing issues of "The Key" on the corner of Western Ave. and Irving Park Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

November 10, 1939 - - - William Wernecke appeared in Court with the five men (Douglas Campbell, Dr. Homer Emore, George Hoppner, Joseph Schimpf and Fred Pekarney) who were accused of breaking windows in department store owned by the Goldblatt Brothers, Chicago. These men were bound over for the Grand Jury.

Wernecke, who apparently secured bail-bond for one or two of the defendants, attacked the arresting policeman and Wernecke was then taken into custody. He was held to appear before Judge McCarthy on Monday, November 13, 1939. Wernecke was fined $100.00 and costs. His attorney asked that the find be vacated. The case will come up before Judge McCarthy for final disposition on November 21, 1939.

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Dell Earl E r 6134 Harlem av...Hammond-5387
Dell Edw F r 106 Belleplaine av Pk Ridge-629-W
Dell H C r 663 Swain av.....Elmhurst-2550-J
Dell John A r 512 5th.....Wilmette-3733
Dell S D r 415 W Jefrsn.....Joliet-5629
DelLago Auto Service 718 Elm....Winnetka-3721
Dell'Aquila Rocco r 624 S Scoville
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Dellett Wilson S r 617 Grove Evnstn.Greenlf-2086
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2514 Ridge rd Oak Glen.....Lansing-44-R
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5445 Hohman av.....Hammond-2021
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River rd.....Franklin Pk-495
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r 456 Jackson.....Gary-2-6018
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DeLong David R r 1351 Eagle.....Joliet 3-1619
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2715 Asbury av Evnstn.....Greenlf-1592
DeLong Geo W r 7719 W 65th pl Argo Summit-501
DeLong Ida R Mrs r 4700 W 21st....Cicero-3798
DeLong Leslie r 725 Warner av...Lemont-245-R
DeLong R R r 316 Judge av Wkgn..Majestic-2147
DeLong W H r 146 W York av.....W Chgo-676
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Gurnee rd Wkgn.....Majestic-935-Y-1
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DeLord Edw C r 717 W 16th pl..Chgo Hgts-2629
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DelRio Grill 228 Railway av.....Highwd-4608
DelRose Anthony r 409 Clay.....Joliet 2-4867
Delrose Jerry r 212 N Eastern av....Joliet-9148
Delrose Mambre 501 Mason av.....Joliet 2-4454
Delrose Thos r 212 E Webster.....Joliet 2-1814
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625 University pl Evanston....Greenlf-9327
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1718 Sherman av Evanston...University-8023
Delta Elect Co The 1968 Broadway..Gary 2-3411
Delta Gamma Sorority
University Campus Evanston...Greenleaf-9326
618 Emerson Evnstn.....Greenlf-9774
Delta Sigma Pi
1923 Sherman av Evnstn.....Greenlf-9348
Delta Tau Delta N U Campus Evnstn.Greenlf-9761
N U Campus Evnstn.....Greenlf-8869
Delta Upsilon Fraternity
N U Campus Evnstn.....Greenlf-9021
Delta Zeta Sorority
University Campus Evnstn....Greenlf-8828
University Campus Evanston...Greenleaf-9368
Delta Chas r 134 S Chapel Wkgn..Majestic-5031
Delta Frank r 850 W Grant dr..Desplaines-599-M
Delta Jim r 255 E 23d.....Chgo Hgts-2480
Delta & Harlem av.....Summit-549
Delta Rutherford W r
Delta Wallbank av.....Downers Grv-854-J
Delta Jack r 910 N 20th av...Melrose Pk-4306
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Deluxe Clnrs 4837 Louise av....Niles Center-145
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631 Wentworth av Cal City....Hammond-442
DeLuxe Clnrs & Tlrs 399 North av.Highlnd Pk-455
DeLuxe Confectionery 127 W Main....Dundee-12
DeLuxe Groc 6143 North av Oak Pk.Euclid-8720
Deluxe Hotel 208 W Main.....St Charles-86
DeLuxe Mkt meats 909 Hoffman..Hammond-5567
DeLuxe Motor Sales 6240 Archer av..Summit-456
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617 S Clarence av Oak Pk....Euclid-3420-R
Delzell L M r 512 Oneida.....Joliet 2-4662
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Demaggio Joe r 725 W 5th av.....Gary 2-6824
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Demarche Emil r 13815 S Dearborn.Riverdale-112
DeMarco Anthony r 970 Green Bay..Glencoe-1319
Demarco Nicola G r 2037 Chestnut.Wilmette-3812
DeMarco Sara Beauty Shop
516 Washngtn.....Gary 2-7323
Demaree Harry S r 2131 Thornwd av.Wilmette-5107
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613A Sheridan rd Evnstn.....Davis-1268
Demarest Mary G r 1208 Vanderburg.Gary 8-1296
DeMarke Geo r 617 Mich av....Elmhurst-1562-J
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Demers Carol, RN r 2009 S 60th ct..Cicero-4896-R
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106 S Oak Park av Oak Pk.....Euclid-1656
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Demien Frank C r 425 Jackson....Gary 2-3853
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DeMik Lawrence r
Lansing-Glenwd rd.....Lansing-32-R-1
DeMik Walter W r 151 W 46th av....Gary 4-2690
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DeMille Ernest A r 388 Elm pl..Highlnd Pk-3368
DeMille N H Mrs r 6719 W 34th..Berwyn-881-W
Deming Albert W r 425 Billings...Elgin-1943-M
Deming E P r 40 Carroll.....Hammond-546
Deming H L r 225 S Stone av....LaGrange-3889
Deming Howard G r 696Parkside.Elmhurst-2507-W
Deming Jas H r 959 Spruce.....Winnetka-555
Deming M W r 1011 Spruce.....Hammond-4111-M
Deming Ralph M r 108 N Loomis...Naperville-487-M
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818 North bl Oak Pk.....Euclid-330
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Demko Groc 3609 W 11th av.....Gary-5975
Demko Michael r 605 Lincln....Gary 2-4472
Demkovich Mary r 2003 Indpls bl.Whitlog-906-J
Demkovich Smoke Shop 1516 121st Whiting-1326-J
Demler Gertrude A r
1434 Chicago av Evanston....University-7639
Demler H r 1024 Vine av....Pk Ridge-390
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Demma Mike r 1046Thorne av Oak Pk Forest
Demmer Jos J r 4360 Ridge av Franklin Pk
Demmer Nell r 457 South av [illegible]
Demmer Walter T r 4224 Madison av Brookfld
Demmert Wm J r Waukegan twp Waukegan-3
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Demmond H A r 727 Vermont.....Gary 2
Demmond John A r 509 Clay.....Joliet 2
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124 N Marion Oak Pk.....Euclid
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256 E Westminster.....Lk Forest-172
DeMooy A r 934 Wenonah avOakPk.Village-67
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Dempesy Ralph H r 11917 Longwd.Blue Isld-173
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Dempsey Chas J r 643 WashngtnOakPk Euclid-1 96
Dempsey G M r 123 Cornell av.....Pk-2 65
Dempsey J J r 223 Cassday av.....Joliet-7 79
Dempsey John H r
209 W Cossitt av.....LaGrange-4 16
Dempsey Jos E r 972 Oak dr.....Glencoe-499
Dempsey L E r
515 S Cuyler av Oak Pk....Euclid-400
Dempsey M M r 148 N Humphrey av
Oak Pk.....Village-885
Dempsey Ralph C r
4234 S Taylor av Oak Pk.....Village 5
Dempsey Raymond F r 611 Oneida.....Joliet 3-1
Dempsey Saml H r
Elmhurst rd.....Arlingt Hgts-706
Dempsey Serv Sta ofc 511 E Cass.....Joliet 2-9
Dempsey T H r 609 Washngtn blOak Pk Euclid-2
Dempsey Wm L r 1115 S Scoville Park Euclid-8
Dempski Evelyn r 716, 14th..N Chgo-42
Dempster Beauty Shop
824 Dempster Evanston....Greenlf-32
Dempster C B r 302 Sherrill av.....Pk Ridge-826
Dempster Chas W r 620 N Lake rd.Lk Forest-68
Dempster Garage 1818DempsterEvnstn Greenlf-92
Dempster Golf Club
Milwke av S of Dempster.....Pk Ridge-3018
Dempster Groc & Fruit Mkt
823 Dempster Evnstn.....Greenlf-4340
Dempster Hand Lndry & Dry Clnrs
1240 Chgo av Evnstn.....Greenlf-98
Dempster L Cab Stand
8160 Niles Center rd.....Niles Center-2
Dempster L Yellow Cab
7951 Lincoln av.....Niles Center-11
Dempster Mushroom Plant
Algonquin rd.....Arlingtn Hgts-70
Dempster Produce Mkt Dempster Morton Grv-19
Dempster Thos r 1001 S Euclid Oak Euclid-30
Demske Rudolph r 821 S Prospect Pk Ridge-26
Demski Stanley r 202 Henderson av Joliet 2-20
Demski Wm r Irving Pk bl.....Bensenvle-24
Demsky David r 129 E Maumell.....Hinsdale-140
DeMure Tony r 3927 Main.....Ind Hbr-23
DeMuth Ella Mrs r
2111 S Gunderson av.....Berwyn-5629
Demuth Erich Dkry 111 N Main..Wheaton-70
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DeMuth John r 519 Batavia av..Aurora-79
DeMuth Lester H r 247 Cumnor rd.Kenilworth-57
DeMuth Peter J r 465 S Smith..Aurora-703
Demuth Wm r 263 High.....Aurora-781
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DeNapole Rocco r 30 East av.....LaGrange-385
Denardo L r 105 E Webster.....Joliet 3-410
DeNault Frank R r 415 Jefrsn.....Gary-538
Dencker Carl G r 1450 Forest..Desplaines-556-M
Denecke's Tire Service 120 E Cass..Joliet-326
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Denemark Kathrine Mrs r
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389 Washington av.Glencoe-855
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2251 S Kenilworth av Berwyn-602-R
1225 MichEvnstn.University-9115
823 Greenleaf av..Glencoe-1440
2411 Oak av.....Brookfld-5847
231 Meacham av Pk Ridge-235-J
S E Evergrn.....Wheaton-2008
63 N Ottawa.....Joliet 2-5468
200 S 8th av.....Maywd-5165
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30 S GreenBay rd.Highlnd Pk-2029
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Dennis W J r 143 Franklin av Riv Frst..Forest-2361
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Dennis W J, Jr r 144WHarlsnOakPk.Village-6540-M
Dennis Walter J r
140 S Harvey av Oak Pk....Village-5646-J
Dennis Wayne r 4142 Magoun av..E Chgo-1156-J
Dennison A E, MD ofc 5937 W Roosvlt.Cicero-6727
Dennison C O r 4445 Madsn.....Gary 4-2382
Dennison Chas G r 510 S Washingtn..Hinsdale-108
Dennison Clarence r 4509 Magoun av..E Chgo-502-J
Dennison Clifford J r 123 S Ardmore.Villa Pk-1125
Dennison Jos J r 2503 Prairie av Evnstn.Davis-1561
Dennison Thos R r 15325 Lexngtn av.Harvey-790-J
Dennison Wm r 360 Tyler.....Gary 2-5149
Dennissen J F r 107 N Spring av...LaGrange-3606
Denniston B B r 115 Scottswd rd.Riverside-5377
Denniston L V r 46 N Elizabeth..Lombard-984-M
Dennstaedt E W r 2522 Lincln Evnstn.Univrsty-4363
Denny A C r 531 Hinman av Evnstn..Greenlf-6963
Denny Alex E r
2430 77th av Elmwd Pk...River Grv-2288-J
Denny M R r 2401 Park pl Evnstn..Univrsty-8665
Denny Motor Transfer Co Inc
920, 150th Hammond-2803
Denny Vera M Mrs r 606 N Austin bl
Oak Pk Euclid-1317
Denny Wm B r 1300 Rosalie Evnstn.Univrsty-9543
Deno Anna Mrs r
2429 W Grunewald.....Blue Isld-1941-R
Deno Norman C r 905 Greenlf av.Wilmette-4205
Denona John W r 704 Tenn.....Gary 2-1079
DeNood John r 9010 Kenton av..Niles Center-1346
DeNormandie Clarence E r
3003 Elisha av.....Zion-349-J
Denovich Pete r 1624 Jackson.....Gary 2-7638
Denovich Peter, Jr r 849 Marylnd...Gary 2-1870
De Novo Chas r 520 N Taylor avOakPk.Village-7288
DeNovo Jas r 119th & 87th..Palos Park-36-M-1
Denoyer L Philip r 643Abbottsford.Kenilworth-841
Densch R J r 832 Lebanon.....Aurora-8268
Densmore A W r 543 Prospct av...Lk Bluff-1938
Densmore Mae r 129 S Madsn av..LaGrange-1743
Densmore O r 1600 E Ridge rd.....Homewd-3
Denson E N r 119 N West.....Wheaton-859
Denson H Deale r 615 Cumnor rd.Kenilworth-4742
Denson John H r 674 Garland av..Winnetka-2296
Dent Esther r 1008 Curtiss...Downers Grv-709-W
Dent Frederic R r2201ShermanEvnstn.Univrsty-8462
Dent Louis L r Michaux rd.....Riverside-5015
Dent Mary r 1921 Jackson av Evnstn...Davis-2443
Dent Shop The 922 Chgo av Evnstn.Greenlf-8721
Dentler A E r 607 N Walker rd...Hinsdale-2154
Denton A W r 1701 Fairw av...Pk Ridge-568-M
Denton Geo B r 2719 WalnutEvnstn.Univrsty-6140
Denton I r [illegible] av.....Joliet 2-5578
Denton Ivan H r 4145 Forest av.Western Spgs-861
Denton Lawrence r 9[illegible] W Roosvlt rd Wheaton-278
Denton Mary r [illegible] Prospect Wkgn.Majestic-4684
Denton Ralph C r [illegible] S Washgtn Pk Ridge-1450
Denton T J r [illegible]
Dentzer Otto C r 710 Scranton av...Lk Bluff-586
Denver Inn Waukegan rd.....Glenvw-148
Denvir Edw J r 1020 Randolph Oak Pk.Euclid-9510
Denvir J R Mrs r E Main.....St Charles-317-J
Denys Michel r 4337 Raymond av...Brookfld-6998
Denyven Howard G r 585Hillside av.Elmhurst-2090
Denzel H coal 1205 Deerfld rd..Highlnd Pk-3700
r 115 N 2d.....Highlnd Pk-1737
Denzel Robt E r 1141 S Linden av.Highlnd Pk-2411
Denzel Wm r 125 S 2d.....Highlnd Pk-3124
Denzel's Barber Shop 6 N Sheridn.Highlnd Pk-936
Denzel's Vanity Shop beauty plr
6 N Sheridan rd.....Highlnd Pk-936
DePaepe Julian J r 224 S 45th av...Bellwd-6142
DePaepe's Auto Repairs
708 S Milwke av.....Libertyvle-840
DePalma Frank groc 168 E 22d..Chgo Hgts-2074
Depalma John groc 27 W 26th...Chgo Hgts-1922
DePalma Leo r 316 Highwd av.....Highwd-4328
DePaola Dominick r 305 W 15th pl.Chgo Hgts-3115
DePaola Irene E r 3137 White av..Lyons-7099-W
DePaola Tim r Garden lane...Willow Spgs-129-J
DePaoli Ben r 588 Sibley.....Hammond-1353-R
DePaolo John cigars 3816 Harlem av.Lyons-6810
Department of Financial Institutions
575 Bway Gary 2-4834
DePaul Lawrence r 156 S Bellwd av.Bellwd-1953
DePauw Arthur r 721 Ill.....Geneva-956-W
Dependable Furnace & Chimney Co
3219 Ridgelnd av.....Berwyn-5040
Dependable Ice & Coal Serv
810 N Western av.....Lk Forest-1100
Dependable Used Furnitr Store
208 Fox Aurora-6655
DePeo Jos G r S Iowa Oak Pk...Village-6556-M
Depew Albert C, Jr r 2353 W New.Blue Isld-573-W
DePew Arthur S r 440 George.....Elgin-621-M
DePew Fred H r 3207 Gilead av.....Zion-352-J
DePew J Alex r 2315 Elisha av.....Zion-269-W
DePew John A r 2900 Emmaus av.....Zion-431
DePew Kate r 4605 Baring av....E Chgo-318-M
De Pew Raymond E r 2300 Enoch av..Zion-314-R
DePew S H r W 27th.....Zion-261-W
DePew Theo r 3015 Gilboa av.....Zion-394-W
dePeyster F A r 765 Willow.....Winnetka-2020
DePirro Jesse r 1304 Broadway..Melrose Pk-4321
Depke's Garage Warren twp
Waukegan Majestic-3995-Y-2
Depler Geo H r 119 E Webster....Joliet 2-4042
DePlomb Leon r 139 W Russell..Barrington-179-R
DePodesta Constante r 610 Clinton.Lockport-295-J
DePonce Cafe 137th.....Blue Isld-3103
DePoorter Cyril groc 1008 Dean...St Charles-446
DePotter John r 306 S 2d.....St Charles-232-J
Depouw Morris r 806 Clark Evnstn.Greenlf-3574
Deppe Ernst Fred r
Wood & Henderson.....Bensenvle-267-R-1
Deppen Chas A r
213 W Warren Cal City.....Hammond-2264
Deppish Jas G r
1125 Troost av For Pk.....Forest-392

DePray Louis J 317 S Ottawa.....Joliet 2-2760
DePray Louis, Jr r 403 Oakvw av...Joliet 2-4696
DePree Jas F, MD r 204 SMapleOakPk.Village-5444
DePreft Louis C r Pt Comfort....Fox Lk-101-W
Depue Burton W r 2404 KrownEvnstn.Univrsty-3370
Depue Oscar B r 963 Michigan Evnstn.Greenlf-6694
DePue Thos city judge 4523 Indpls bl.E Chgo-1333
DePue Wm H r 165 E Chgo av.....Palatine-114
DePung M W r 539 Wdlawn av...Aurora 2-1102
Deputy Frank C r
5001 Western av Clar Hills....Hinsdale-2098
Deputy R P r 742 Pierce.....Gary 2-4316
DePuy Jas R r 946 Mich av Evnstn.Greenlf-7691
DePuy Jas R r 410 N Elmwd avOakPk.Euclid-1499
Depuydt Mitchell L r1015N17th av.Melrose Pk-1749
DeRaad H r 1312 S Harrey av.....Berwyn-4049
DeRaad H & Sons filling sta
1051 Garfld Oak Pk.....Euclid-10160
De Rache C r 1207 S Highlnd av.Berwyn-5018-M
Deraita Frank B r 1425 Monroe Wkgn.Majestic-3757
Derber Jos r 3330 Elm.....Ind Hbr-695-J
Derby The beer tavern 1717 Halsted.Chgo Hgts-178
Derby Arthur E r 940 Pleasant Oak Pk.Euclid-593
Derby David L r 1010 Journal pl...Deerfld-544-J
Derby Geo A r 1023 N Marion Oak Pk.Village-4773
Derby H F r 320 Summit av....Villa Pk-2433-J
Derby H Leigh, Jr r
2464 N Deere Pk dr.....Highlnd Pk-3822
Derby Lounge 306 W State.....Geneva-639
Derby Tavern beverages 51 S Chgo..Joliet 2-9672
Derby Wine & Liquor Store
31 S Genesee Wkgn.....Majestic-1585
Derby's Groc 414 Market.....Joliet-7204
Derchner Stephen r 5135 W 24th..Cicero-4537-J
Dercole Nicola r 13203 S Maple av.Blue Isld-2448
Dereby Frank P r 852 Ridge Evnstn..Univrsty-9395
DeRemer Bertha r 3427 Grand bl.Ind Hbr-2621-W
Derengowski S Rev r 901 Elizabeth..Joliet 2-0785
Derenski Jos r Lockport twp Lockport-8036-Y-4
Derenski Victor r 119 Jefrsn.....Lockport-50-W
Dereu Raymond r 1445 Hervey av.N Chgo-1492-W
Derfler's Mkt mts 1346 S Clarence av.Berwyn-4812
Derian M H, MD ofc 664 Bway....Gary 2-6771
r 524 Hanley.....Gary 2-6152
DeRidder Arie r 14106 Park av....Dolton-825-J
de Ridder G Frederik r 330 WCarroll.E Chgo-697-R
DeRienzo Abraham r 259 E 24th.Chgo Hgts-650-W
Dering C W, Jr r 803 N Elm.....Hinsdale-1454
Dering Chas W r 219 S Madison av.LaGrange-3322
Dering J K r 710 S Green Bay rd.Lk Forest-1218
Dering Jos S r 727 Kentucky.....Gary-7779
Dering Robt M r 3624 Monroe.....Gary 4-2624
Derlacki Walter r 801 Elmwd av Evnstn.Davis-8278
Dermody John L r
313 W Warren Cal City...Hammond-1377-J
Dermody Michael V r
5641 Walter av.....Hammond-895-M
Dern Ida C Mrs r Milwaukee av.Libertyvle-672-W-1
Dern John r 255 Sheridan rd.....Glencoe-146
Dernay [illegible] Main.....Whiting-[illegible]-R
Dernbach Adam rl est 125 W Front..Wheaton-53
r 102 W Liberty dr.....Wheaton-911
Dernbach Wm A r 46 WashngtnOakPk.Euclid-2035
Dernehl H J r 512, 5th.....Wilmette-1207
Dernehl Margaret Mrs r
200 Maplewd rd.....Riverside-[illegible]29
Derner Flower Shop 4704 Hohman av.Hammond-193
Derner Hans J r 716, 169th....Hammond-4728-J
Derning J P r Keeney av.....Pk Ridge-582-M
Dernoll Otto E r St Chas twp.Geneva-4184-W-1
Deroche J P r
125 S Hudson Wstmt....Downers Grv-1333-J
DeRoeck Cornelius r 130 Callan Evnstn.Davis-2755
DeRohan Wm r 614 N Butrick Wkgn.Majestic-1062
DeRolf Owen W r 5431Webster av.Hammond-1122-J
DeRolf Walter r 4914 Ash av...Hammond-8454-R
DeRoo Chas L r Western av....Wheaton-482-Y-3
DeRoo Henry r 444 NAustin bl OakPk.Village-9626
DeRoos John r 2227 W 97th...Evergreen Pk-7188
DeRosa Angelo r 127 Intercocean av.Chgo Hgts-1245
DeRosa Jack r 29 S Monro.....Hinsdale-129
DeRose Harry r 2719 St Chas rd....Bellwd-5732
DeRose Jas, Jr r 702 Monro Evnstn..Greenlf-7813
DeRose Jas, Sr r
626 Florence av Evnstn.....Davis-1915
DeRose Michael, DDS r
1027 N Humphrey av Oak Pk...Village-9450
DeRose Nick r 2807 St Charles rd..Bellwd-9745-J
DeRose Nick & Son filling sta
213 Manheim rd.....Bellwd-7550
DeRossi Jos r Main.....Dolton-529
DeRoulet Alfred r
10842 Natchez.....Oak Lawn-193-R-1
DeRouse Dewey r 6606 Calif av.Hammond-5791-W
Derr Edw C r 4730 Seeley....Downers Grv-1217
Derra Jos r 2637 S 60th ct.....Cicero-861
Derrenger Wm H r 638 Prospct.Barrington-331-R
Derrick E S r 2746 S Clarence av.Berwyn-2012-M
Derrick Frank r 3149 Sunnyside av..Brookfld-3926
Derrick Harry W r Franklin [illegible]Winfld-32
Derrick Robt J r 738 Wilder.....Aurora 2-5476
Derrick S R r 1306 Clarkson Wkgn..Ontario-6633
Derrick Tony r 409 S 14th av.....Maywd-3593
Derrick W H r 501 W State.....Geneva-9573-R
D'Errico Tony A r
124, 157th Cal City.....Hammond-4909-J
Derris & Broeker Supply Co janitor
supls 365 Elm.....Elgin-4128
Derrom Donald L r
713 Ingleside pl Evnstn.....Greenlf-2780
Derr's Golden Brown Bakery
215 S Villa av.....Villa Pk-4330
Derry Joshua J D r 365 Wdland rd.Highlnd Pk-1091
Dertz Eugene r 12601 S Maple av..Blue Isld-1842
Dertz Vincent r 2028 W York...Blue Isld-9068
DeRudder Louis r Cicero av..Blue Isld-1995-Y-3
DeRue Elmer r 18 N Gretta av Wkgn.Ontario-6415
DeRuiter Della r 14632 Halsted..Harvey-2242-J
DeRuiter Harry A r 14721Washgtn.Harvy-1147-J
DeRuntz Martin J r 241 N West.Naperville-335-J

Deruntz Max r Divie hwy.....Harvey-1257-J
DeRusha Claude r
4030 Prairie av Schlr Pk..Franklin Pk-253-W
Derwinski Tillie r 2409 NewYork av.Whiting-938-M
Dery Press Printrs 510 Franklin Wkgn.Majestic-2894
Derybowski Jas F r 2013 Wespark av.Whiting-1258
DeRycke Emil r 610 Randlph OakPk.Euclid-5500-J
De's Groc Store 6701 W 16th.....Berwyn-4201
DeSaegher John A r 625 E 4th av...Gary 2-6439
de St Aubin Eugene A r 205 Pleasant.Euclid-4858
deSt Aubin Eugene A & Bros Inc
nurseries Mill rd.....Addison-2200
De St Jean Albert r 4228 Jefrsn.....Gary 4-3482
DeSalvo Jos J r 1023 N Main....Wheaton-2034
DeSanto Jos r 2261 W Market....Blue Isld-616
Desch A G r 315 Elm Pk av.....Elmhurst-697
Deschauer Irving O Atty Main.....Lk Zurich-11
Deschauer Rudolph H r
411 N Pine av.....Arlingtn Hgts-129-M
Deschauer Thos r 776 Hill av.....Glen Ellyn-792
Deschenes Jos P r 1023 Idaho.....Gary 8-1238
Descher F A r 431 Selbourne rd.Riverside-5471-W
Descher Paul J r 2529 Hurd Evnstn.Univrsty-7834
Deschwanden Felix Van, DVS ofc
909 Madsn Gary-9575
Desenis Geo r 925 Hannah For Pk.Forest-1772-J
DeSeno John r 2211 Lake.....Melrose Pk-3337
Desens Henry Herman r
7416 Madison Forest Pk.....Forest-667
DeSenville Geo r 1440 S Kenlwrth.Berwyn-4952-J
DeServi Ugo r 2027 Ridge Evnstn..Univrsty-6799
DeShane Roy r 257 E St Chas rd.Elmhurst-2544-M
Desherow J H r 202 N Austin Oak Pk..Euclid-5708
Desideri Rose r 1219 S 51st ct....Cicero-3269-M
DeSiderio Dolores r
130 Custer av Evnstn.....Univrsty-6850
DeSignor Anton r 108 Park rd.....Joliet 2-0608
DesJardins Dellor r
1159 S Harrey av Oak Pk...Euclid-4896-W
Des Jardins Leo A r
419 S Vail av.....Arlingtn Hgts-644-R
Deskin Donald r N State.....Lockport-570-J
DesMarais Homer A r
439 S Taylor av Oak Pk....Euclid-9317-J
DeSmidt John r 214 Morgan pl....Highwd-2273
DeSmith Richard r 214 N 5th...St Charles-2930
Desmond Frank G, DDS ofc
801 South bl Oak Pk.....Euclid-8080
Desmond Frank G, DDS r
809 Washngtn bl Oak Pk....Village-5783-M
Desmond John r 8123 Kildare..Niles Center-2637
Desmond John J r 1414 Asbury av.Winnetka-1790
Desmond John W r 5634 Maywd.Hammond-4280-J
Desmond L F r 3318 East av.....Berwyn-91
Desmond & Son carps
101 N Cuyler av Oak Pk.....Village-5040
Desmond Paul F r [illegible]Marengo avForPk.Forest-978
Desmond Thos K r 536HinmnEvnstn.Univrsty-3483
Desmond Wm J r [illegible] Deerfield Deerfld-[illegible]
Desmond Wm J r [illegible] Forest av OakPk Euclid-[illegible]
Desneux E r [illegible] S 8th av.....Maywd-3178
Desnoyers H B r 251 Meadow av Glen Ellyn-177838
DeSort A F r 814 Walnut.....Aurora 2-6304
DeSotell Doris B r 519 Main.....Aurora-6666
DeSotell Jos r 706 Fulton.....Aurora 2-5004
DeSotell Jos M r 504 Spring.....Aurora-4426
DeSouchet A r 718 SHumphrey OakPk.Euclid-3181
DeSousa Mary Mrs r 215 S EastOakPk.Euclid-1385
Despain Karl r 4043 Polk.....Gary 4-3877
DesPlaines Agcy Inc ins 1490 Miner Desplaines-189
DesPlaines Auto Co garage
630 Pearson Desplaines-284
DesPlaines Bowl Palace
656 Pearson.....Desplaines-145
DesPlaines Cafe 1491 Miner.....Desplaines-835
DesPlaines Camp Ground caretaker
Camp Ground rd.....Desplaines-470
DesPlaines Candy Kitchen
1515 Ellinwd.....Desplaines-41
DesPlaines Chevrolet Used Car Lot
Ellinwd & Pearson.....Desplaines-576
DesPlaines City of
Police Sta Miner.....Desplaines-804
Mayor's r 1120 Jeannette av...Desplaines-54
City Clerk's ofc City Hall....Desplaines-88
City Clerk's r Desplaines-748-R
City Treas's ofc City Hall...Desplaines-818
Norma Pumping Sta Thacker..Desplaines-796
For Listings of Schools—See Schools Public
Desplaines Concrete Products Co
916 North av.....Desplaines-566
DesPlaines Cycle Bar 1490 Miner..Desplaines-876
DesPlaines Deluxe Cab Co 1237 Lee..Desplaines-98
DesPlaines Drug Co 1468 Miner....Desplaines-71
DesPlaines Fruit Mkt
Rand & River rd.....Desplaines-966
DesPlaines Home Laundry Co
1418 Oakwd av.....Desplaines-9
DesPlaines Housing Guild Hdqtrs
1000 Lee Desplaines-26
DesPlaines Journal Inc 1557 Ellinwd.Desplaines-77
DesPlaines Laundry Touhy Pk Ridge.Desplaines-560
DesPlaines Lumber & Coal Co
ofc & yds 1000 Lee.....Desplaines-26
ofc & yds 1000 Lee.....Desplaines-36
DesPlaines Mercantile Co seeds
694 Lee Desplaines-181-W
DesPlaines Motor Sales 1500 Miner.Desplaines-550
DesPlaines Motor Sales used car dept
Rand rd.....Desplaines-545
DesPlaines Nurse & Welfare Committee
Thacker & Center.....Desplaines-730-M
DesPlaines Pk District
Rand Pk 2025 Miner.....Desplaines-91
DesPlaines Pontiac Sales
630 Pearson Desplaines-284
DesPlaines Provision Co 736 Center..Desplaines-116
DesPlaines Public Library Miner..Desplaines-446-J
DesPlaines Pubg Co 729 Pearson...Desplaines-100
DesPlaines Realty Co ofc 1484 Miner.Desplaines-75

DesPlaines State Bldg & Loan Assn
721 Pearson.....Desplaines-369-W
DesPlaines Tavern
862 DesPlaines av For Pk.....Forest-334
DesPlaines Theatre Corp 1476 Miner..Desplaines-5
DesPlaines Used Auto Parts Shop
1846 Miner.....Desplaines-850
Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement
Dist 8130 Ogden av.....Lyons-6765
DesPlaines Valley Motor Sales garage
47 Stephen Lemont-208
Desplaines Valley News Pubg Co The
6123 Archer av.....Summit-812
If no answer call.....Summit-813
DesPlaines Yellow Cab Co
1300 Jefrsn Desplaines-68
D'Esposito J r 111 Linden av.....Wilmette-748
Despot Dant r 736 Bway.....N Chgo-1092
Des ReMaux E O r
847 N East av Oak Pk.....Village-6847
Desser M S r 424 S Greenwd av.Pk Ridge-183-M
DeStaebler Eugene L r 816 Mich av
Evnstn Univrsty-4222
DeStefanis Jos r 115 Linden av....Joliet 3-1398
DeStefano Nancy r 135 N 24th av.Melrose Pk-3374
Dester Harry r 705 N Cuyler Oak Pk.Village-6221
Destmann Julius r York twp.Downers Grv-158-J-1
De Swarte Bruce H r
2002 Eastwd av Evnstn.....Greenlf-7037
DeSwarte Ralph P r
2207 Colfax Evanston.....University-4051
DeSwarte Walter B r
2234 Park pl Evnstn.....Greenlf-2993
DeSylvester J r
1122 Washngtn bl Oak Pk...Village-6580-R
De Sylvia Hat Shop 341HowardEvnstn.Greenlf-9441
DeTaeye Marcel r 1209 N Tyler OakPk.Village-5057
deTakats G, MD r
1323 Wesley av Evnstn.....Greenlf-4123
If no answer call.....Greenlf-6020
DeTalent Frieda J r
4009 DuBois blvd.....Brookfld-4399
DeTalent J M radios
52 S LaGrange rd.....LaGrange-3821
DeTalent Lyle E r 606 S Euclid.Elmhurst-2511-R
DeTamble P F r 1232 Greenwd av.Wilmette-4672
Detar Jas r 551 Liberty.....Joliet 3-1077
deTarnowsky Alexis r 609 E Main.Barrington-586-J
Detchon E R r 155 E Onwentsia rd.Lk Forst-2008
Deters Otto H r 60 Crescent av.....Elgin-4544
Detertyl Bros Beer & Beverages
419 W St Chas rd.....Elmhurst-2240
Detgen Emily r
939 S Dunlap av For Pk.....Forest-1729-W
Dethlefs Wm watch mkr 272 EMkt sq.Lk Forst-510
Dethlefsen Russell H r
2143 N 44th ct E P.....River Grv-1806-J
DeThorn R H r 438 Ash Wkgn....Majestic-4296
DeThorn Wm C [illegible]
1735 Hyde Pk av Waukegan...Majestic-1625
DeThorne May r 37 N Victor Wkgn.Majestic-5442
DeTienne John M [illegible]
220 Washington Wkgn.....Majestic-[illegible]
DeTienne John S r 500 Linden av...Joliet 2-3876
De Tienne Leslie garage 53W Webster.Joliet 2-3013
Detienne Lewis H r 32d.....Zion-545-J
Detienne N S r W 27th.....Zion-215-M
Detlef Henry J r 5409 S 60th ct.....Cicero-1989
Detlefsen Chas M r 1007 S 1st av....Maywd-4115
Detloff Adam r 714 Harbor pl Wkgn.Ontario-8270
Detloff M C r 5916 Turner....Evergreen Pk-7140
Detlow John C r 7003 Niles tr.....Niles-986
Detmer Barney r 4106 N Odell av.River Grv-878-
Detmer Howard F r
555 Bob O'Link.....Highlnd Pk-3475
Detmer L M r
521 N Oak Park av Oak Pk...Village-6073
DeToffol Fred r Oak av.....Joliet 2-8666
DeTolve Michael r 539 LincInEvnstn.Univrsty-8696
DeTrain Mabel Mrs r 902 N 16th av.Melrose Pk-743
DeTray Zelda J r 197 W Grand Lk bl.W Chgo-24-M
Detrick Chas L r 4332 Lawn av..Western Spgs-315
Detrick Foster B r 3505 S Grove av.Berwyn-3369
Detrick Fred H r 1340 Ellswrth....Gary 2-4483
Detrick H W, MD ofc
5231 Hohman Hammond-2840
r 6427 Forest av.....Hammond-2841
Detrick Harold M r
5149 Brookbank rd.....Downers Grv-195
Detrick M H Co insulating matrl
625 Ill av.....Aurora-9375
Detrick Otis H r 100 Lincln av.Riverside-5642-M
Detrick Robt J r 2245 W Prairie..Blue Isld-3240
Detterman Elizabeth Mrs r
2642 N 78th av Elmwd Pk....River Grv-1322
Dettler Frank F r S Despl Rvr rd..Pk Ridge-61
Dettlo Guy r 1310 Washington..Desplaines-283
Dettman Albert J r Waukegan rd.Glenvw-315
Dettman Fred J r 2121Walter av.Northbrook-269
Dettman Helen M r Shermer av....Glenview-4
Dettman Henry J r 329 Maple av.Elmhurst-142
Dettman Walter r 605 Durbin.....Gary 2-43
Dettmann Fred r Telegraph rd.Northbrook-204-F
Dettmann Richard Wm r 28 E Pine.Bensenvle-
Dettmann Stella I r 413 Joliet....W Chgo-5
Dettmann Theo r 213WFremont.Arlingtn Hgts-
Dettmann Wm C meats 109 Main....W Ch
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r 228 Joliet.....W Chgo
Dettmar Daisy beauty plr 111 S 5th av.Mayw
Dettmar Ernest P r
506 S Cuyler av Oak Pk.....Villa
Dettmar Fred r 725SOakPark av.OakPk.Euc
Dettmar Henry r 1925 S 3d av.....Ma
Dettmer Louise r 1445 SGunderson av.Ber
Dettmer Wm r Mill.....Mel
Dettmering Adolph D r
Rich twp Chgo H
Dettmering Henry D tavern
3d Mattsn

Miscellaneous Information

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[redacted]

[redacted] - [redacted] Avenue - Chicago, Ill.
[redacted]
[redacted]
Age - 30 years.

---According to testimony presented before Judge Gibson E. Gorman in the Chicago Boys' Court on March 10, 1938.

Is apparently in business with his mother. The bulletin board in the lobby of the building at 30 N. LaSalle St., reads -

"William L. Wernecke and Bertha L. Wernecke"

No indication of type of business on the door leading to the office, merely marked "William L. Wernecke".

William Wernecke attended the meeting of the German-American Bund at Germania Hall, on Germania Place in Chicago, on February 28, 1938, and caused the arrest of Dr. Erich von Schroetter, John Fischer and Ray Pauly. According to Dr. von Schroetter William Wernecke and his mother, who also attended the Bund meeting at Germania Hall, accused Dr. von Schroetter of precipitating the fight which almost caused a riot toward the end of the Bund meeting. Wernecke and his mother followed Dr. von Schroetter out of the hall and pointed him out to the policeman as the person responsible for the disorder.

At the Hudson Ave. Police Station, where all were booked, Wernecke definitely stated that he was not a member of the Bund and never attended any of their meetings. He accused John Fischer and Ray Pauly of attacking him when he spoke to Dr. von Schroetter after the Bund meeting.

When Wernecke's case was called before Judge Gorman, Wernecke positively stated that he was not a member of the German-American Bund, although he was defended by an attorney who apparently was engaged by the Bund.

[redacted] before Judge [redacted], Chicago, a complaint against the officers was told, was made by William L. Wernecke in the name of the German-American Bund.....

Signed counter-complaints against two boys in disorder at Bund meeting in Germania Club in Chicago.

SEE - AMERICAN-GERMAN BUND (3)
News Item: "Fights Mark Bund Meeting; 6 Arrested" Chi. Herald & Examiner-2/24/38
News Item: "Former Teacher at N.U. Seized in Nazi Scuffle." - Chi. Daily News-2/

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Secretary of the NAZI BUND faction in Chicago, Ill. (1933-1939). Per Chicago operative, September '39, [redacted] is a member of [redacted]' Third Party Organization.

[redacted]'s address is 6320 Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Per Chicago operative report-Nov. 16, 1938 - - - [redacted] was the one who supplied MISS [redacted], proprietor of the PENNY BOOK SHOP in the Stevens Bldg., Chicago, with leaflets and stickers, all of them anti-Semitic. Miss Rosenberry was able to contact Wernecke at the office of [redacted], head of the Third Party movement in Chicago, and ran for Mayor of Chicago in early 1939. In the company of the Chicago operative Wernecke stated that JENKINS had been forced into the open, for he had spoken at a meeting of a new organization called "U. S. UNITE" (Wernecke was wearing a small bronze pin with those words in his lapel), and at this meeting there was a Communist spy who had printed the whole story of Jenkins' address in the "Daily Record". This finally convinced JENKINS that he was a marked man for the rest of his life and that he may as well come out and work in the open.

Wernecke also spoke of RICHTER(Edwin Paul), and thought, however, that he was a professional promoter. Said he was always doing crazy things, such as calling a meeting and then "kicking the people out before it started".

The leaflets and stickers furnished Chicago operative by Wernecke he said came from a salesman from California, who came to the [redacted] in Chicago every week. He didn't know whether this man was a member of the NAZI BUND, or the SILVER SHIRTS, or both.

Wernecke spoke of [redacted], organizer of one of the SILVER SHIRT COUNCILS OF SAFETY, in Chicago, Ill., and of Dennin he said he thought he was a narrow person and jealous of his rights. When Wernecke tried to join the SILVER SHIRTS, [redacted] told him he must resign from the BUND. Wernecke wrote [redacted] to find out if it were true, and [redacted] denied it, and said he could join at any time.....

Per Chicago operative report-Nov. 21, 1938 - - - Wernecke attended meeting of [redacted]'s organization, which meeting was held at [redacted]'s home.....

Per Chicago operative report-July 12, 1939 - - - Reference to [redacted]'s new publication, which operative believes is being financed by [redacted]

Per Chicago operative report-June 26, 1939 - - - Although I have nothing definite to go on, it seems possible that [redacted]'s farm at Wadsworth, Illinois, is being used by various organizations to drill men and perhaps even to store arms. Bill Wernecke is out there a great deal these days.

Ich fallen Hermann nach
glaub nicht mehr mit / kann
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An, Ihr:

JUNCTION

BORDER PATROL
July 8, 1940

7/11/40
Resp. For'd. Detroit

ALLEGED UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

District Director
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Detroit, Michigan

(Thru Chief Patrol Inspector)

Attached find report of Patrol Inspector Henry V. McCalla, which is self-explanatory.

The premises of the KOLPING CLUB, located at Cotton and Sugarbush Roads, approximately two miles beyond Selfridge Field, was checked by the undersigned. At the entrance was a shrine, and approximately three hundred feet within is located a fair looking club house, with a small park with tables and booths nearby. To the rear of the premises is a statue of one ADOLPH KOLPING, on whose head was a black skull cap, believed to represent a Bishop or Cardinal in the Catholic Church.

In a casual interview with one of the patrons on the premises on July 4, 1940, at which time there was a picnic on the grounds, it was learned the KOLPING CLUB is a national organization, founded by Adolph Kolping, having many such clubs throughout the United States. It is a German Catholic organization, and it is operated similar to the Y. M. C. A. On July 4, 1940 the gun club of this organization gave the picnic, and it has been the custom in previous years to have a shooting contest, such as shooting down wooden birds, and the member who shoots the last wooden bird is automatically named president of the gun club during the coming year, however, it was learned that due to the excitement existing in this country at the present time and the hostile feeling [illegible] people of fifth column activities, the gun club [illegible] and it is reported the gun club has been temporarily disbanded. Anyone is allowed at these picnics, it being [illegible]

Detroit, Mich.
July 6, 1940.

Chief Patrol Inspector, (Thru channels)
Imm. & Natz. Service,
Detroit, Mich.

The following information was received from Immigrant Inspector Carpentor;

That at the Kolping Club, Cotton and Sugarbush Road, Dethigan, a truck was seen unloading boxes of a suspicious nature, also a red airplane was signaled to from this point by some one at the Club. Investigated same with Inspector Sullivan. On 2 occassions a car was observing this same Club, and on another occasion a man was guarding the premises.

Due to a shortage of men on the river, the investigation was not completed. However, the writer is of the opinion that further attention shoud be given this matter as soon as possible.

Herb followed the result of the exam
placed in the mail addressed to Kenneth
and the personnel office in Waukegan
Rd, Lake Forest Ill.

65-587

Wm Wernecke

Calls charged to Bri 4676

5-4	Call to	Niles Center	145
5-4	" "	Desplaines	555
5-6	" "	"	"
5-17	" "	Niles Center	3070
5-26	" "	" "	"

keeps it here disguised

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Jewish Frame-Up In Chicago

On October 23, 1939, five young Christian men were returning from a dance, all of these men belonged to patriotic organizations which condemned Jews and Communism.

They stopped in front of Goldblatt Brothers Jewish Department Store and marked the windows with soap as a Halloween prank.

The next morning they were arrested by police and charged with breaking windows.

The police searched their homes and found Anti-Jewish literature, from then on, they were doomed.

At their trial, a Jew named Benjamin Feldman, sat at the State's Attorney's table whispering and instructing him.

The only witnesses for the prosecution were two policemen, Edward Mangan and Joseph Carey, who also act as personal detectives of Goldblatt Brothers Stores. These men admitted they received their clothing and furniture from Goldblatt Brothers Store. The case before the jury was not of anyone breaking a window, but because the 5 defendants were Anti-Jewish.

The Jewish political bosses and the Jewish political over-lords gave strict orders to the Judge and Prosecutor that these Christian men must be sent to prison.

The Jewish Governor Henry (Levy) Horner, also figured prominently in the case.

At all times, one hundred or more Jews sat in the court room jeering at the prisoners and signalling to the jury.

Mr. Pribble, of the Joyce Detective Agency, which are hired by Goldblatt's Brothers brought the police officer witnesses to and from the court-house.

The automobile belonging to the defense attorneys was ruined by Jewish gangsters while parked next to the Criminal Court Building during the trial.

The trial lasted three weeks. Two weeks and [illegible] days were used praising Jews and attempting to prove that these men were foreign agents, merely because they were Anti-Jewish. About four hours were used to hear the actual testimony. Then in the closing arguments, the Assistant State's Attorney, Richard Devine, begged and pleaded with the jury to jail these men, or their wives and children would be murdered in their beds by Hitler.

The trial judge, John Sbarboro, overruled all of the defense objections.

One of the leading appeal lawyers of the State of Illinois, has stated that without doubt this conviction will be reversed by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Finally the jury, after deliberating about 15 hours, returned a verdict of guilty. One hundred or more Jews in the court room started to cheer and to hurl jibes and insults at the weeping parents of the young Christian defendants.

AH, IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR SHYLOCK, FOR JUDA AND FOR GOLDBLATT.

"10 Years in Prison for Breaking a Window"

The Jews had their pound of flesh.

Here follows a list of Hebs which were ~~sent~~ delivered Coroner, Feb Centr, Ill. Feb Cents 145, during May 1841

Ye Lark Cleaners

Calls charged to Niles Center 145

5-1	Gracelawn	6700
5-1	Keystone	9842
2	University	3440
3	Independence	5693
4	Greenleaf	1190
4	Andover	1981
4	Newcastle	3394
4	Palisade	6519
5	Independence	5693
6	Harrison	7100
7	Newcastle	4901
7	Bringate	9648
7	Peoples Line	54
7	Wellington	1907
8	Davis	7810
8	Keystone	9842
8	Sunnyside	3500
8	"	"
8	Keystone	9842
11	Newcastle	3394
11	Keystone	9842
13	Glenview	78
13	Columbus	0094
14	Bringate	1500
14	Key	9842
14	"	"
14	Sunnyside	3500
15	University	2269
15	Newcastle	4901
16	Davis	1085
16	Wellington	4291
16	Rogers Park	4688
17	Greenleaf	6363
18	Keystone	9842
18	Longbeach	8316
18	Greenleaf	54
18	Palisade	651
18	Greenleaf	6363
18	"	"
18	Palisade	6514
20	Glenview	350
20	Irving	5092
20	"	0856
20	"	1092
20	Ardmore	8319
21	Belmont	0475
21	Sunnyside	3500
22	Gracelawn	4648
24	Greenleaf	1190

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1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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File No. 65-582

Date Received 12/4/58

From alex Zimmerman
(Name of contributor)

City of Lego, 320 N. Clark
(Address of contributor)

By J. W. Trudt
(Name of special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description:

Copy of transcript of title search on property located at 6250 N. Lakeshore Ave

Chicago Title Research Bureau

30 NORTH LA SALLE STREET
PHONE STATE 2-1323
CHICAGO 2, ILLINOIS

JUDGMENT SEARCHES
CHATTEL MORTGAGE REPORTS
OWNERSHIP AND ENCUMBRANCE REPORTS

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS
COMPLETE TAX REPORTS
AND
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Location 6250 N. Wayne Ave.

From examination of the records and tract indices in the County Recorder's Office or from the records of the Registrar of Titles, it appears that the title to the property described by the following legal description:

S. 40 ft. Lot 14 in Block 4 in Brookhausen & Fisher's 1st Add. to Edgewater, being a Sub. of the N. 60 rods of the E½ of NW¼ of

Section 5 Township 40 Range 14

is held by David Yadgir & Wife Supposed Owner

This is an analysis of title information and is not to be construed as our legal opinion of title.

Document No.	Grantor	Grantee	Inst.	Date	Date Rec.
17293603	Cosmopolitan Nat'l. Bank, Trustee	David Yadgir & Wife, Lillian, Jtly.	D	8/13/58	8/19/58
17198897	Same	Avondale Savings & Loan Assn.	Mtg.	4/21/58	5/7/58
	Mortgage is for $28,500.00 payable monthly.				
~~17198898~~	~~Same~~	~~Same~~	~~A of R~~	~~4/21/58~~	~~5/7/58~~

1957 taxes: 1st inst. $359.26 paid 6/9/58.
2nd " " " 8/4/58.

Paid by Wm. Wernecke, 6250 N. Wayne Ave.

65-5/82 1A2D

In furnishing the above information we do not guarantee the correctness thereof and assume no pecuniary liability for errors or omissions therein.

Date of Examination 12/22/58

Client's Name

Covers 11/28/58.

File No. 65-582-1821

Date Received 2/18/59

From Andrew Kaska
(Name of contributor)

Marcella Realty Co, 7041 W. Grand
(Address of contributor)

By J. W. Toelt
(Name of special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description:

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WARNING

REAL ESTATE BROKERS, REAL ESTATE OWNERS & BUYERS

CONCERNING

DADISHOU NICOLAS

Operator

DIVERSEY REALTY COMPANY

5408 N. Clark Street **Chicago, Illinois**

CRIMINAL RECORD of Dadishou Nicolas, also known as Dadshou N. Toti, also known as Dadishou Toto.



August 19, 1932—deported—re-entered U. S. Illegally.
February 6, 1935—Suspicion of Felony, B3539, U. S. Marshal, R. D.—Younkers, N. Y.

Violations of Moral Turpitude Act, No. 7516, Hartford, Conn.

IMMIGRATION ACT VIOLATIONS:

February 2, 1935.
February 27, 1935—Inquiry.
April 5, 1935.

AS REVEREND TOTO ALIAS DADISHOU NICOLAS:
July 11, 1936—Obtaining money under false pretense, No. 154593, Philadelphia, Pa.

July 27, 1936—Violation of Postal Law No. 1232, fined $2500.00.
October 20, 1936—Using mails to defraud No. 4790, 1 year and 6 months U. S. Federal Prison, Lewisburg, Pa.

February 7, 1936—Same as above case No. 50354, 1 year and 6 months sentence.

May 9, 1937—Writ of Habeas Corpus to U. S. Court, Atlanta, Georgia, (probably some procedure in attempt to get his freedom).

December 5, 1937—Obtaining Money under false pretense, C-1628-3 years sentence, discharged March 5, 1940, Philadelphia County Prison, Homasburg, Pa.

FBI File No. 891620 — Contains various information about his operation in other countries, as well as the U. S. A.

Cathrine Nicolas, wife of this ex-convict holds Illinois Brokers License for Diversey Realty Company, but this woman is an accomplice, and tool for the ex-convict and swindler Dadishou Nicolas. Nearly all transactions in the Diversey Realty Company are fraudulent and dishonest.

Real Estate Brokers, Buyers, and Owners are warned of the character and reputation of the operators of the Diversey Realty Company, 5408 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE BROKERS SECURITY COMMITTEE
SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO, ROCKFORD

65-5-82-1A21

Chicago, Illinois

[illegible]uary 14, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

RE: WILLIAM WERNEKE

Dear Sir:

WILLIAM [illegible] called at the Chicago Field Office on February 13, 1940 and stated that he had just [illegible] the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago where he had been subpoenaed by the United States Attorney to appear before that Body; that he personally did not know the exact purpose of his being brought before the Federal Grand Jury other than when taken before same they questioned him in connection with any anti-Semitic actions he might have been involved in and in particular his connection or relationship with FATHER COUGHLIN of Detroit, Michigan. Regarding this, WERNEKE stated that on one occasion he did meet and talk with FATHER COUGHLIN and he was well acquainted with several of the friends and acquaintances of FATHER COUGHLIN and has also listened to his various radio talks.

WERNEKE stated that he is a member of what is known as the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organization of Chicago, a Corporation of which the following officers are now in charge:

WILLIAM WERNEKE, President (resides with mother, MRS. MARTHA WERNEKE at 6250 S. Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill., telephone Briargate 4767)
MR. B. BLACKY, Secretary (resides somewhere on Cleveland Avenue in Chicago, the exact address which he did not know).

He advised the purposesof this committee were to protect the United States Constitution, to love and protect our Country, to love and protect the American flag and to engage in all other activities in furtherance of the various phases set out above. WERNEKE stated also that while he is not a member of the Christian Front Organization, the only thing that he knew about it was what he had read in the newspapers and the newspaper edited by FATHER COUGHLIN known as "Social Justice". He stated that from time to time

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FEB. 2, 1940 -- 2 p.m.

James L. Zegar — 229 S. Racine, Chgo

Edward Allman — 5952 Augusta Blvd

TUES, FEB 13: 10 A.M.

Hilda Gitlin — 68 E. Cedar St., OK

William L. Wernecke — 6250 Wayne Ave., 65-42-122 + 65-45-48

Martha C. Wernecke — " " 65-42-122

George Heppner — 1113 W. Chicago Ave., 65-364

Raymond Joseph Healey — 232 West North Ave., 2nd floor rear 65-122 OK (Editor of "Red Mag")

FOR 2 P.M.:

Hugo Eger — 1303 Kimball Bldg; or 7511 Stewart Ave., 2nd floor (No file - Nazi sympathizer)

Rufus Heath — c/o Sommers Hall — Liaison officer + Radar Liaison Chief Chicago

~~Newton Jenkins~~

FEBRUARY 14 for 10 A.M.:

Newton Jenkins — 39 S. LaSalle St. Nazi - 65-0-80 (a) 345 65-2816

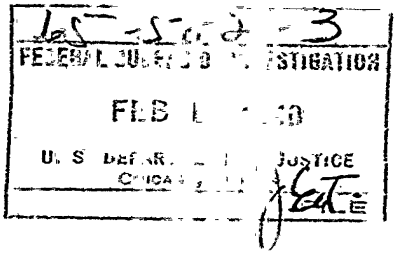
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 15, 1940

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: SUBVERSIVE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Chicago personal and confidential letter to the Bureau dated February 14, 1940, which was captioned WILLIAM [redacted].

I wish to advise that Agents of the Chicago office have received information from various sources around the Federal Building concerning persons who were subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at which time they were questioned concerning their activities and connections. It has been determined that this matter was presented to the Grand Jury by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted], who, on the Grand Jury, acts somewhat in the capacity of confidential secretary to United States Attorney [redacted]. The following persons were [redacted]

[redacted], 22, of Reading, Chicago
EDWARD ALLMAN, 5952 Auguste Blvd., Chicago
HILDA GITLIN, 63 E. Cedar St., Chicago
*WILLIAM L. [redacted], 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago
MARTHA C. [redacted], 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago
*GEORGE HEPPNER, 1113 West Chicago Ave., Chicago
*MALCOLM JOSEPH HEALEY, 232 West North Ave., Chicago
*[redacted], 1303 Kimball Bldg. or 7511 Stewart Ave., 2nd floor rear, Chicago
RUTH HEATH, c/o Sommers Hall, Chicago
*[redacted], 37 South LaSalle St., Chicago
*HARRY AUGUSTUS JUNG, 2212 Tribune Tower, or Box 144, Chicago
JEAN F. DeVILLARD, 4027 Kenmore Ave., Chicago

*The Bureau has been furnished previous information concerning these individuals.

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It is believed that these individuals were called in or subpoenaed telephonically, although this has not been verified.

The Bureau will understand that no effort was made to contact these witnesses; however, all information was obtained from WILLIAM [redacted] when he voluntarily appeared at the Chicago office at which time he indicated he was under the impression that the F.B.I. had made an investigation and that as a result of this he was subpoenaed before the Grand Jury.

The best information which has been obtained at this time indicates that O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant Attorney General, stated that he wanted the testimony of these persons transcribed and forwarded to Brooklyn. A check at the United States Clerk's office reflects no indictment has been returned to date and it appears that [redacted] although this cannot be definitely stated inasmuch as it is the policy of the United States Attorney [redacted] to have the actual indictment signed by Mr. [redacted] CLARK himself and it is known that he is presently out of the city. Therefore, if a true bill were returned [redacted] from a number of Mr. CLARK'S office.

No direct inquiry has been made at the office of the United States Attorney and none is contemplated in the absence of contrary instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. T.

E. E. LEVENHAUK,
Special Agent in Charge.

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for the past year and one-half or two years he has corresponded with the Silver Shirt Organization and the Pelley Publishing Company, from which company he has from time to time purchased various books and pamphlets; that he is not a member of the Pelley Organization; that the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organization of Chicago have no office but receive their mail through Post Office Box 3620 in the Merchandise Mart Building; that in addition MR. WERNEKE stated that he owned a farm about two miles west of Wadsworth, Ill. where he has 14 saddle horses. He stated these saddle horses are really race horses but that due to the lack of sufficient funds, [redacted] of raffles some of which he keeps at the farm and the rest of which he keeps at his residence, 6250 S. Hayne Avenue.

MR. WERNEKE advised that on February 3, 1940 he took the negative part in a debate with [redacted], a Professor of the Northwestern University who took the affirmative side of the debate on "Is Father Coughlin a Danger to America?"; that this debate was given under the auspices of Montparnasse, an Organization that meets regularly at the Skyline Athletic Club located at 183 West Randolph Street, Chicago; that at this debate about 99 per cent of the audience were of the Jewish nationality and in defending FATHER COUGHLIN, WERNEKE stated that he was all but mobbed by the audience; that he was "booed" continuously and it was almost impossible for him to assume the negative part in the debate. He stated from what he could learn of the Montparnasse, it was composed entirely of the Jewish nationality consisting of those that had more or less of a radical tendency.

As to the exact purpose of his being subpoenaed by the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, WERNEKE stated he could not understand why he was called but believed that it was at the suggestion or request of the Anti-Defamation League; that he has been accused of having a rifle range on his farm and that he was training a Fascist Army there and also that his farm was used for training what is known as Storm Troops. This WERNEKE emphatically denied stating, however, that some time during the summer of 1939 he invited several of his friends out to the farm. They set up some targets and shot

with the rifles during the entire afternoon. After the shooting was completed, the targets were removed; that also about a year to a year and one-half ago a large number of Jewish people with baseball bats stormed his farm and did bodily harm to anyone they happened to find at the farm at that particular time; that since that time, the sheriff, TOM KENNEDY of Waukegan, Illinois, Lake County, has been making frequent trips possibly two or three times a week out to the farm to see that no harm came to anyone who might be living there or visiting the farm.

[redacted] mission to the office, he stated, was to request that this Bureau make an inspection of his farm to prove that he did not have any rifle range or any range of any sort on his farm premises. He was informed by special agents in charge of this office that the Bureau could not do this. He further stated that any additional information about him could be learned through Sheriff KENNEDY at Waukegan in connection with the possible destruction of his farm property. He further volunteered the information that the Chicago headquarters of the Silver Shirt Organization was located in the Mystic Book Shop in the Kimball Building on Jackson Boulevard and Wabash Avenue in Chicago; that HUGO DEHN operates this book shop and claims to be the head of the Pelley Organization in Chicago. He stated that Mr. DEHN was one of the other witnesses who had been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury. Another witness to appear before this Grand Jury was HOMER HERTZ who was recently convicted and sentenced to serve ten years in the Illinois State Penitentiary in connection with the alleged breaking of windows in the Goldblatt Brothers store located at Chicago Avenue and Ashland. He also remembered another witness by the name of RAYMOND HEALY but either could not or would not give any information concerning him.

The following information or data was furnished the Bureau on September 11, 1939 in connection with WILLIAM WERNEKE and his mother, MARTHA WERNEKE:

WERNEKE, William L. and Martha
6250 Wayne
Chicago, Illinois

Promoters of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, which holds meetings at the Veni Veni Bldg., 876 N. Wells

Director 2/14/40 RE: WILLIAM WERNEKE

St., Chicago, Ill. This bldg. is owned by Mrs. CLARA WERNEKE. MARTHA WERNEKE is also member of Modern Problems Committee. Additional information of subject:

Farm:
Newport Township, adjoining (Onwentsia Club Property) about one mile east of Millburn (Route #5).
Farm - with 5 or 6 white barns; 1 house; 3 or 4 sheds; 2 or 3 dogs; 13 saddle horses; Chevrolet Tudor - black 1937. Married, no children. Has 1 farm hand.
Wife:
[illegible] yrs. of age, [illegible]; 5'4"; weight 105 lbs.

General Description of subject:
Age: 22 years. Height: 5'10½". Weight: 205 lbs.; black hair. Florid complexion. Full lips. High school education, member of the following organizations:
Silver Shirts; White Camellia; Irish American Patriotics; German American Bund; _____ Vigillantes; Chairman of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations. Originator Hiawatha Gun Club.
Believed to have been arrested in recent Silver Shirt riots in Chicago. He is son of H.S. WERNEKE employed by Standard Oil Co. in Chicago.

Discreet inquiry will be made for the purpose of ascertaining if possible the nature of the Grand Jury investigation now being conducted by the United States Attorney's office at Chicago and as soon as this is learned, the Bureau will be notified.

Very truly yours,
J. E. T.

H. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 25, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

There is quoted below, for your information, an anonymous communication alleging that William Wernecke, 30 North LaSalle Street, is a spy for the Nazi Government, which was received in an envelope postmarked April 10, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois.

"William Wernecke who's address is 30 N. LaSalle St. is a spy for the Nazi Government."

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MAY 4, 1940

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR

WILLIAM WERNECKE ETAL ESPIONAGE. BUREAU FILES CONTAIN INFORMATION ON SUBJECT, REPUTED TO BE SECRETARY OF THE NAZI BUND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND WELL KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI SEMITIC ACTIVITIES. INFORMANT EMPLOYED BY HIM AT FARM NEAR MILBURN, ILLINOIS, ADVISES THAT PRO GERMAN GROUPS MEET THERE AND THAT A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF DYNAMITE AND RIFLES IS LOCATED AT THE FARM. THEY ARE PRESENTLY MOVING TO NEW FARM AT SIX HUNDRED WAUKEGAN ROAD, ILLINOIS. COMPLAINTS ON THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT WAUKEGAN AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS, INDICATING THAT IT IS MORE OR LESS COMMON GOSSIP THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE BUND MEMBERS. FACTS AS ABOVE OUTLINED NOT CAPABLE OF VERIFICATION AS YET DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS IN PROCESS OF BEING MOVED. CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH INFORMANT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIVE STEPS BEING TAKEN. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TITLE
WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, alias "Hitler";
MRS. WERNECKE, alias "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop";
ERNEST _____, alias "Goering"; "MOUSIE";
~~FRANZ; YACQUH.~~

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESPIONAGE.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM L. WERNECKE reputed secretary of the Nazi Bund and has been active in anti-Semitic organizations. Synopses of Anti-Defamation League reports set out. HARRY KRAUSARE presently employed by WERNECKE as groom at farm on Woodstock Road near Milburn, Illinois; states the farm is being moved to 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. Indicates subjects and others meet frequently to celebrate German victories in the present war. Has observed small groups drilling on foot and horseback and WERNECKE refers to them as his cavalry. Group maintains large portrait of Hitler and have swastika flag. Fifty to seventy-five sticks of dynamite as well as large quantity of caps and fuse, and five Army rifles obtained by KRAUSARE. WERNECKE's car is always loaded with anti-Semitic leaflets which he obtains from the Aryan Book Store, 2044 North Western Avenue. One member owns airplane which he parks at Waukegan. Also have maps of Europe and the world, and Russia and Finland are [illegible]

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DETAILS: A review of the file in this case, which has been carried as closed, indicates that carbon copies of reports by the Anti-Defamation League on these individuals contain substantially the following information:

WERNECKE is reputed to be secretary of the Nazi Bund at Chicago, Illinois, and lives at 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, and maintains an office at 30 North LaSalle Street. He is thirty years old and his occupation is supposed to be a broker. The bulletin board in the lobby of the building at 30 North LaSalle Street does not indicate what type of business he is in. WERNECKE attended the meeting of the German-American Bund which was held at Germania Hall on Germania Place, Chicago, February 23, 1938, and at this meeting caused the arrest of DR. VON SCHROETTER, JOHN FISCHER and RAY PAULY. According to the Doctor, WILLIAM WERNECKE and his mother, who also attended the meeting, accused the Doctor of precipitating a fight which almost caused a riot toward the end of the meeting. All of the individuals were booked at the Hudson Avenue Police Station at which time WERNECKE definitely stated that he was not a member of the Bund. When WERNECKE'S case was called before Judge GORMAN he again stated that he was not a member of the German-American Bund although he was defended by an attorney who was apparently engaged by the Chicago faction. In May of 1938 WERNECKE appeared before Judge HOLLAND at Chicago and made a complaint against the editor of "Ken" Magazine on the charge of circulating indecent literature. This charge was made in the name of the German-American Bund.

It had been reported that WERNECKE'S farm at Wadsworth, Illinois, is being used by various organizations to drill men and to store arms. WERNECKE is well known as a strongly anti-Semitic individual and is in possession of propaganda leaflets expressing his convictions. WERNECKE, with others, traveled to New York on several occasions to meet with FRITZ J. KUHN and thereafter made several addresses to Bund meetings. During a conversation with a visiting guest of the bund at a meeting in February of 1939, WERNECKE revealed that the week-end prior he had a conference with Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN at Royal Oak, Michigan. During this conference Father COUGHLIN'S secretary, a man named RICHARDS, was present who asked WERNECKE when they were going to kill off 300 or 400 of the Chicago Jews. WERNECKE was supposed to have

replied that he had not thought of doing that yet. Father COUGHLIN thereupon laughed and stated it was necessary that it be done.

Early in January, 1939, WERNECKE made arrangements to hold a large meeting on February 22nd which was finally held at the Bundhaus, 3855 North Western Avenue. In May of 1939 there was a suspicion that RAYMOND J. HEALEY'S publication "The Key", which is the official organ of the Gentile Workers Party of America, published by the Irish-American Patriots, was being financed by WILLIAM WERNECKE who was supposed to be wealthy. Investigation indicated that Box No. 3620 at the Merchandise Mart Station, Chicago, Illinois, which is the address of The Key, is WILLIAM WERNECKE'S box.

In April of 1939 WERNECKE visited the campus of Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, in an attempt to rouse the students and thereafter one of the students began wearing a swastika pin. He has also been reported as being active in the organization known as the "U. S. Unite".

In the early part of 1939 WERNECKE was supposed to be chairman of a joint committee of patriotic organizations which were composed of representatives of the Nazi Bund, the American Veterans Association, the Silvershirts and the Hetman organization. In November of 1939 WERNECKE appeared in court with five men who were arrested for breaking the windows of the Goldblatt's Department Store and was instrumental in securing bail bond for one of the defendants and was taken into custody himself for attacking one of the arresting officers.

Numerous other detailed information appeared in the file on this individual, but is not being set out herein inasmuch as the Bureau is in possession of most of the details concerning this individual.

On April 28, 1940, MR. HARRY KRAUSARE appeared at the Chicago Office and gave the following story:

About a week prior he went to visit one A. A. JOHNSON who runs an employment agency at 16 Canal Street and is friendly to him and has known him for a good many years. He was applying

for work as a horseman and MR. JOHNSON referred him to one WILLIAM WERNECKE who subsequently met KRAUSARE at the employment office and arranged an interview at which interview MR. KRAUSARE met WERNECKE'S mother at the Northwestern Depot at which place they hired him as a caretaker and horseman at a farm outside of Milburn, Illinois, on the Wadsworth Road. He started work a day or two thereafter and soon learned that everyone was German and it appeared to be a meeting place for many other Germans who visited there on occasions. The largest group that he has seen is about fifteen or sixteen men who celebrated the birthday of ADOLF HITLER. The names of some of these individuals are as follows and they address each other by names of German leaders:

WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, also known as Hitler.
One ERNEST, who lives and works at the De Luxe Cleaners in Niles Center, Illinois, 4837 Louise Avenue, telephone Niles Center 145. He is known as Goering and the owner of this cleaning establishment is supposed to be a prominent Bund leader.
The mother of WILLIAM WERNECKE lives at 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Briargate 4767. (This phone number is unlisted).

Many other individuals are also known by German names, the true names of whom he does not know.

While working at the farm for a period of a week he has observed a large portrait of Hitler that all of the individuals salute every time that they enter. A large swastika flag, which appears to have a badge attached to it from the Bailiff's office of the Municipal Court and also quite a few small swastika badges was also observed by KRAUSARE, as well as fifty to seventy-five sticks of dynamite and a large quantity of caps and about twenty yards of fuse. He has also noticed five Army rifles with the butts hollowed out to carry ten extra rounds. Individuals coming there also bring various guns with them, some of which are .22 automatics and most of which are German Luegers which he understands they obtained from a man named ANDERSON who has a supply of these weapons available at $35.00 each. He has observed four or five of them drilling in goose step in civilian clothes.

He has heard remarks to the effect that they have uniforms, but he has not as yet seen them. He has also observed them drilling on horseback and WILLIAM WERNECKE appears to be in charge of this drilling and refers to them as his German cavalry. He also indicated that the equipment is being moved at the present time to another farm at 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. While in the process of this moving WERNECKE told KRAUSARE that he could take time off until they had the new farm ready. He was of the opinion that they did not want him to see what equipment they were moving.

WERNECKE also dropped remarks to MR. KRAUSARE to the effect that he had a Government man in Chicago and two Police Officers in the Chicago Police Department who kept him informed on Government activities insofar as investigation of him is concerned. WERNECKE'S car is always loaded with German propaganda literature of which MR. KRAUSARE furnished a few pamphlets which are the typical anti-Semitic type of literature and which appear to have come from the Aryan Book Store at 3855 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. KRAUSARE was also instructed never to give the home address of MR. WERNECKE to anyone nor is he supposed to admit anyone to the farm at any time. He is the sole occupant of the farm most of the time and because of this he has been able to "snoop" around and locate the information as set out herein.

WERNECKE also made a remark to the effect that he had observed Army pilots at night maneuvers and it was his impression that they were "scared to death". According to Mr. KRAUSARE one of the members of this organization also owns a red airplane which is kept in Waukegan, Illinois. He has also heard information to the effect that WERNECKE'S mother is employed at the Standard Oil Company and is supposed to be wealthy.

MR. KRAUSARE also indicated that he had heard rumors to the effect that a woman who formerly was in with this particular organization died under very mysterious circumstances about nine months ago. She still receives mail from Germany and WERNECKE takes possession of it.

He also stated that he has seen maps of Europe and the Philippine Islands which have red crayon markings upon them.

MR. KRAUSARE indicated that he would attempt to obtain the serial numbers of the Army rifles and forward them to this Office. He also indicated that he can be reached by writing him care of General Delivery, Lake Forest, Illinois.

He also stated that the people who were formerly employed in his stead were discharged because they refused to join the Bund and their names were "ED" and EMERY STROPE. He stated that they are in possession of considerable information and in his opinion could be very safely approached inasmuch as they are good Americans and do not countenance the German scheme. He was not in possession of their address, but stated that they could be located through a VIOLA LARSON who runs a dog and cat hopsital on Kinzie Street, Chicago. This individual is supposed to be friendly with the WERNECKES so that in the event it becomes desirable at a future date to contact them, the LARSONS should not be apprised of the identity of the inquirer. MR. KRAUSARE stated that he was friendly with the STROPES and spoke to them on many occasions and had told them he was going to transmit his information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

MR. KRAUSARE furnished the following descriptions:

Name:	[redacted], alias "Mitler".
Age:	[redacted] years
Height:	5' 10 or 11"
Weight:	190-200 pounds.
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Accent:	Slight German accent.
Peculiarities:	Never wears a hat; smokes corn cob pipe.
Automobile:	Drives a two-door Chevrolet Sedan, 1937 model.

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Name:	MRS. WERNECKE, alias "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop"
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	156 pounds
Hair:	Blonde, gray
Complexion:	Fair
Eyes:	Blue
Accent:	German
Eyeglasses:	Wears glasses at times
Automobile:	Drives 1937 Terraplane two-door trunk Sedan.

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Name:	ERNEST, alias "Goering"
Age:	31 or 32 years
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	140 to 150 pounds
Hair:	Blond
Face:	Thin
Eyeglasses:	Wears glasses.
Accent:	Very pronounced German accent.

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Name:	"[illegible]"
Age:	20 years
Build:	Small
Hair:	Blond
Peculiarities:	Rabid Nazi

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Name:	FRANZ
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	165 pounds
Age:	35 years
Build:	Heavy set
Speech:	Can barely speak English
Hair:	Dark brown
Citizenship:	Not an American citizen.
Relatives:	Has wife and children in Germany.
Remarks:	Has been in United States only a short time.

Name:	YACQUI
Height:	6'
Weight:	155 pounds
Age:	22 years
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark, sunken
Peculiarities:	Very anti-American.

It should be noted that the informant originally called this office several days prior to the time he appeared. In his telephonic conversations he indicated that HITLER and GOERING and others of the German high command were in this country and that he had seen them. Due to the fact that this sounded like a typical "nut" complaint no particular reliability was placed in his statements over the telephone, but he was invited to discuss these matters at the Chicago office at his convenience. He appears to be a reasonably reliable individual, but such impression was gained merely by the personal observation of the writer. He is a typical Indiana farmer, who described himself as being "102 per cent American".

In conversation with Special Agent O. H. SELLS of this office it was ascertained that the Chief of Police WILLIAM E. BLAYLOCK of Waukegan, Illinois had told Agent SELLS that some people were moving into his district who were supposed to be Bund members. Accordingly the writer and Special Agent A. S. REEDER proceeded to Waukegan, Illinois where the Chief of Police was interviewed.

SERGEANTS MacDONALD and TYRELL were present at this interview and advised that they had received information from a source which they did not disclose, indicating that a group of Bund members was moving into a farm at 600 Waukegan Road. They did not appear to have any specific information on these individuals but stated that it was common knowledge in Waukegan that they were members of the Bund and were pro-Germans. [redacted] advised that the estate at 600 Waukegan Road is owned by one [redacted] and that MR. LEONARD lives there, as well as two other families by the name of R. DIXON and RICHARD B. HARRISON. The Chief further advised that the above three individuals live on the farm in separate houses, all of which are built within a reasonably small area so that everyone can have some knowledge of the activities of the others.

While conducting this interview at Waukegan the writer was called by Special Agent in Charge W. S. DEVEREAUX who stated that Chief of Police FRANK TIFFANY of Lake Forest, Illinois had also called the Chicago Bureau office with a complaint which appeared to be the same as the instant complaint. Accordingly Chief TIFFANY was contacted, and indicated that a MR. TOM DIXON who is a

watchman employed by the James Simpson,Jr. estate,and lives in Gurnee, Illinois, came to him and told him that he had been on the farm of an individual at Milburn,Illinois, and had there seen a quantity of dynamite and guns. He also indicated to Chief TIFFANY that these people were apparently Bund members as he had seen them marching in "goose step" and had heard numerous rumors around Milburn to the effect that it was a Bund headquarters.

It might be well to point out that the farm to which WERNECKE is moving is located at 600 Waukegan Road and is in a section which had been described by the Chief of Police as being inhabited by very wealthy persons. The farm, which is composed of a group of houses and barns running from six to eight buildings, is situated about one quarter of a mile from the road, and can be easily observed with a pair of binoculars.

At Gurnee, Illinois, Wadsworth TOM DIXON was interviewed and stated he is employed by the James Simpson,Jr., estate which is one mile east of the BEHR estate in Gurnee, which is the place where WERNECKE and his group have been leasing, and from where they are presently moving. DIXON indicated that WERNECKE had been there about two years and during that period of time the neighbors had become very suspicious of him, and it was more or less common gossip that he was a Bundmember.

On April 26, 1940 DIXON stated he had happened to meet a horseman, who was employed by WERNECKE. He met this man at a neighbor's house and could not recall his name. (It is apparent that this horseman is identical with the informant in this case). He was invited to look over WERNECKE'S place by this horseman and one evening he entered the farm, when no one but the horseman was there, and they first went to a small house in the front where he observed a large picture of HITLER and a small Nazi flag on the wall. Two stars were pinned on this flag, one of which appeared to come from the Municipal Court of Chicago. He also noticed one .22 caliber gun and 3 .25 caliber clips which were loaded. He indicated he believed these belonged to MRS. WERNECKE because he had heard she carried a 125 caliber pistol. In this particular house there was also a rifle rack which would hold about 20 rifles, but was empty at the time. He also observed a quantity of literature printed in German, and also about 20 feet of fuse.

He entered the back barn and the horseman showed him about 100 pounds of 40 per cent dynamite, which was buried in a pile of hay, and a quantity of caps, and about 20 more feet of fuse. In another

building south of this barn, which seemed to be a meeting room, he observed a very large Nazi flag, about 8 x 16 feet, and two uniforms which appeared to be Bund uniforms. These uniforms were Khaki color with Sam Brown belts. There were also about 450 rounds of ammunition, which was a mixture of 30-06 Lueger and 22 caliber, and all appeared to be re-loads. At this point MR. DIXON pointed out that the only people in northern Lake County who sell dynamite are the Winter Brothers on Wadsworth Road and U.S.Highway 41, and that they would not be in a position to sell a quantity of that type, they confining their sales to several sticks at a time to local farmers for blowing up stumps on their land. He also said that WERNECKE had absolutely no need for any dynamite inasmuch as there are no stumps on the land which he is using, and furthermore he was leasing only the buildings and not the farm land, so that he would not have any occasion to use any dynamite for improving the land. He also indicated that in his opinion 100 pounds of this 40 per cent dynamite would be enough to blow up a tremendous portion of a city.

MR. DIXON also repeated the rumors regarding the woman who died under mysterious circumstances about a year ago. He said her name was MARSHALL and that she was apparently WERNECKE'S girl friend; that the rumors around that locality appeared to be that she was poisoned. He said he saw her himself just two days before she died, and that she certainly looked healthy at that time; that there had been a doctor from Chicago who had treated her. DIXON also indicated that he had seen groups of fifteen or sixteen persons drilling in the [illegible] barn.

He also indicated that he had transmitted part of this information to Sheriff TOM KENNEDY who lived at Waukegan, Illinois, telephone Majestic 1856.

The farm was observed at Milburn, Illinois and its location can best be described as about a quarter of a mile east of Milburn on the Wadsworth Road. A group of some ten or twelve persons was observed loading something on a large red Ford truck. Some five or six passenger automobiles were also noted there.

At this writing a letter on plain stationery has been directed to the informant in care of General Delivery at Lake Forest, Illinois, requesting that he telephone the writer immediately, at which time it is contemplated a meeting will be arranged with the writer and Special Agent in Charge W. S. DEVEREAUX and the informant. At that time an effort will be made to personally view this

dynamite, as guests of the informant; inasmuch as he has indicated that he is at the farm alone for a good portion of the time.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The CHICAGO OFFICE will await further communication from Mr. HARRY KRAUSADE.

- P E N D I N G -

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

May 15, 1940

Mr. Ernest J. Krueger,
Postmaster,
New Post Office Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Will you place a cover on all mail addressed to the Wernecke family at 6250 Wayne Avenue for a period of thirty days?

When replying, please refer to our file #65-582.

Very truly yours,

W. S. REVERAUX,
Special Agent in Charge.

REL:MJ
65-582 - 9
cc Bureau

British Consulate
General,
Chicago

17th May, 1940

With the Compliments of

His Majesty's Consul General

at Chicago.

Please return after perusal. As stated by telephone leaflets of this character were dropped from airplanes flying over Evanston. some weeks ago.

65-582-10

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 18 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

Post Office Box 612
Chicago, Illinois

May 20
1940

His Majesty's Consul General
British Consulate General
[redacted]

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 17, 1940, with which letter you enclosed a leaflet headed "Beware the British Serpent."

Your courtesy in forwarding this information to this office is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

WSD/ehc
cc: Bureau

Put in Warmbath file
65-[illegible]

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

May 23, 1940

Postmaster
Lake Forest, Illinois

Re: [redacted], alias "Alice",
[redacted], alias [redacted]
ERNEST SCHARF, alias "Goering"; MARCELLA,
alias "MOUSIE"; FRANZ; YAUQUI. ESPIONAGE

Dear Sir:

Please place a cover on all mail addressed to William L. Wernecke and other families at 600 Waukegan Road, for a period of thirty days.

When forwarding tracings, kindly refer to our file No. 65-582.

Very truly yours,

AJM:FC

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

CC Bureau

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CHARGE OUT SLIP

FD-5

Date 7-2-40

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(Class) (File number)

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for investigation at _____

Special Agent

United States Post Office

1 st CLASS

Lake Forest, Illinois.

Federal Bureau Of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

May 27, 1940.

Mr. W. S. Devereaux,

My dear Sir;

Inclosed find tracings requested, as per your file 65-582.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Gilroy.

Asst. Postmaster.

65-582-14
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 27 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Mailroom FILED

Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

May 25, 1940

Mr. F. Baldwin, Superintendent
Division of Claims
Illinois Bell Telephone Company
212 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois

Att: Mr. J. R. Harmon

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, it is requested that you furnish a list of all toll and long distance calls issuing to and from the following since May 1, 1940:

William Wernecke, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Tele. - Briargate 4767

Ernest Scharf or DeLuxe Cleaners, Niles Center, Ill., Tele. - Niles Center 45

If there is a telephone listed to Ernest Scharf, individually, It is requested that the same information be furnished in connection with that 'phone.

Very truly yours,

AJM:FC
65-582 - 15

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

May 29
1940

Postmaster
Prairie View, Illinois

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, w.a.; et al.
ESPIONAGE

Dear Sir:

Please place a cover on all mail addressed to William L. Wernecke and J. Kissvice, Route No. 2, for a period of thirty days.

When forwarding tracings kindly refer to our file number 65-582.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

AJM/ehc
cc: Bureau
65-582 - 116

Chicago, Illinois
May 29, 1940

MEMORANDUM TO THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - W. S. DEVEREAUX

On May 27, 1940, MR. ROBERT A. FISCHER, 4609 Malden Street, Chicago, Illinois, appeared at the Chicago Bureau Office and furnished the typed circular which is printed in red and starts - "Beware of the British Serpent!! -----".

MR. FISCHER found this circular lying on the street in front of 4657 Malden Street, but has no information whatever concerning its origin.

It is noted that the circular contains numerous arguments and reasons why the United States should not enter the present war in support of the British.

Inasmuch as there is no information concerning the origin of this circular, no investigation is being conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

DKB:DO

D. K. BROWN
Special Agent

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Attached

65-582-18
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 29 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

Chicago, Illinois
May 29, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE W. S. DEVEREAUX:

Several days ago the writer accepted a telephone call from a Mr. Steele who advised that he had picked up several circulars entitled "BEWARE THE BRITISH SERPENT". Mr. Steele stated that he would mail one of these circulars to the Chicago Field Office and on May 25th, 1940, the writer received a letter from Wils E. Steele, Steele Motor Company, 2484 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois which letter reads as follows:

> "As per our 'phone conversation of today, I am enclosing herewith a circular several of which I picked up on my front lawn at 6447 Newgard Avenue.
>
> "You undoubtedly may have seen these before. I am submitting it for your consideration.

Accompaning this letter was the circular "Beware the British Serpent" the contents of which is apparently an attempt to justify Germany's actions during recent months. This circular is being placed in the file for future reference.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. PENNY
Special Agent.

FSP:HEW

cc: Bureau (2)

65-58-19
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 30 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE 40

TELEPHONE BELMONT 2320 SALES AND SERVICE

STEELE MOTOR COMPANY

OLDSMOBILE MOTOR CARS

2484 MILWAUKEE AVENUE

CHICAGO

May 25, 1940

Mr. F. S. Penny
1900 Bankers Building
105 W. Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

As per our 'phone conversation of today, I am inclosing herewith a circular several of which I picked up on my front lawn at 6447 Newgard Avenue.

You undoubtedly may have seen these before. I am submitting it for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Milo E. Steele

MS:EW
Encl.

65-582-20
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 30 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,

CHICAGO.

5-4B

29th May, 1940

Dear Mr. Devereaux:

I thank you for your letter of the 28th instant with which you were kind enough to return the infamous leaflet "Beware the British Serpent".

Yours very truly,

H. M. Consul General

W.S. Devereaux, Esq.,
P. O. Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

LB/bm

65-5821-21
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 31 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

160 North LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. William Devereaux,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

William L. Wernecke, member
German American Bund.
Subversive Activity

Dear Bill;

I am passing on to you in this report information regarding the above individual whom I am advised by friends is very active in Bund affairs on the North side.

Edward Stanley, Marshall Fiedd & Company, advised that the above man had rented from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Benjamin Behr part of her farm located in west Lake Forest; that he had been ordered to move on April 1, 1940, but was taking his time about it. It was further learned that he had moved to a farm on highway #22 on south side west of the Fiore nursery, between highways 54 and 45. Mr. Standley advised that various persons had reported seeing German flags, rifles, and dynamite on the premises. The Behr family had been threatened with kidnapping several years ago and are very frightened in participating in any action against any man of Wernecke's type.

Prentiss Porter, 1007 First National Bank Bldg., advised that he was head of the Mill Creek Hunt Club, which Mr. Behr founded and is adjacent to the property rented by Wernecke; that they have lost about $40 worth of merchandise at the club and some of it has been found at Wernecke's home. Mr. Porter has seen two German flags in Wernecke's home and has been advised by various neighbors that on Sunday nights they usually hold Bund meetings, at which time the men drill, have target practise at 500 yards, and in other ways excite the other farmers.

Mr. Porter had referrred the loss of property to Mr. Charles Dennehy, of the firm of Bronson, Dennehy, & Ulseth, Inc., 175 W. Jackson Blvd. who had a detective investigate Wernecke. The detective, Andrew Caveretta, home telephone Hollycourt 4764 made an extensive search of Wernecke's place and is reported to have seen 20 rifles, 30 sticks of dynamite, swastika flags, perescope, etc.

65-582-22

In this same connection there has been a red airplane flying over the northshore sections dropping anti-British literature which is thought to have come from Wernecke. The plane used is #NC-21267 which according to the Civil Aeronautic Authority is registered in the name of Wayne Carpenter. From such literature as the writer has seen it is possible that this has come from Ernest Goerner, P.O.Box 1824, Milwaukee, Wis. who may be working with Wernecke.

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MAY 29 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

Full information regarding Wernecke's background was not readily available. It is thought that he was brought to this country at an early age, his father being German who was naturalized several years ago. His father is now dead, and his mother Bertha L. Wernecke, resides at 6250 Wayne Ave., telephone Briargate 4767. She is employed as an accountant by the Standard Oil Company and has been there for about 15 years. Frank V. Martinek, in charge of Personnel Investigation is well acquainted with her and her son's activities. Mrs. Wernecke is now associating with an Italian bailiff in Judge Lewe's Court, City Hall.

Wernecke lives with his mother from time to time at 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago. and for a while maintained an office at 30 North LaSalle Street. and received his mail in Box 3620 Merchandise Mart Station. His girl friend is Marcelle ------ (last name unknown). Two or three weeks ago Wernecke was badly beaten up supposedly because of his pro-German activities.

Wernecke has been very active in the past in Bund affairs. On February 23, 1938 he attended a meeting at Germania Hall, started a fight against a Dr. VonSchroetter, John Fischer, and Ray Pauly. Case before Judge Gibson Gorman, Chicago Boys Court, on 3-10-38. Wernecke represented by Bund attorney.

In May 1938 Wernecke file complaint before Judge Holland against the Editor of "Ken". Complaint in the name of the German American Bund.

Wernecke is known to have been distributing literature from the office of Newton Jenkin, head of the Third Party Movement and organizer of "U.S.Unite". Wernecke is known to have accompanied Dr. Willumeit and George Froboese to New York to visit with Fritz Kuhn in November-December 1938

Wernecke has been closely associated with Col. Edwin M Hadley, of the Paul Revere Society, and with Raymond J. Healey, publisher of "The KEY", official organ of the Gentile Workers Party of America. He is known to have visited with Father Coughlin, at Royal Oak, Mich.

On November 25, 1939, Dr. Homer Maerz and associates arrested for breaking a window at Goldblatt's Store. Wernecke appeared with bail and same raised to $5000 after police testified before Grand Jury. Wernecke angered by the action of the Police, slugged a police man and locked up. He was fined $100 and costs.

The question of where Wernecke secures his funds is partially answered by the fact that Mrs. Wernecke sold her husbands holdings in Germany and realized considerable money. Wernecke is reported to own the Veni-Veni Cafe, 876 No. Wells St. Chicago.

If I can be of assistance to you further on this matter, do not hesitate to call upon me.

P.S. Farm on which subject now located reported to be owned by Cliff Leonard of Lake Forest.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey

O. C. Dewey, Lieut. USNR

CC-ONI

Niles Center 1120

United States Post Office

Second CLASS

Niles Center, Illinois

IN REPLYING MENTION INITIALS AND DATE

May 31, 1940

W. S. Devereaux,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter of May 29, file: 65-582 is respectfully acknowledged and a cover will be placed on the mail received here addressed to Ernest Scharf, 4837 Louise Ave., this city.

It is regretted that I was out of the office last Tuesday when an agent from your office called.

It is proposed to furnish the following information about first class letter mail received by the addressee: Postmark, date of delivery, and return address (if any).

Do you wish a record kept of second-class mail (newspapers, magazines,), third class mail (circulars and advertising) and fourth class mail (parcel post)? This data will be kept awaiting your reply.

65-582-23

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN - 1 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Devereaux FILE

Yours respectfully,

William K. Lyon

William K. Lyon
Postmaster

Mr. Lyon
Mr. Rowe
Mr. Ennis
Chicago.

MEMORANDUM

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

From: District Intelligence Officer.
To : Mr. Hoffman.

You returned "Beware the British Serpent" with your letter of May 22. So that's O.K.

I'm investigating the Lee report on Warnecke that you said has been sent me.

J. W. G.

65-582-24-1
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN -1 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

J. W. Gregory,
Commander, U. S. Navy.

NTSGL—5-20-40—2M.

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
June 3, 1940

Mr. Orville C. Dewey
160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dewey

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter, received at this Office on May 29, 1940, relative to William L. Wernecke.

Your courtesy in forwarding this information to this Office is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours

W. S. [redacted]
Special Agent in Charge

WLL:IAL

65-532-25

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Wadsworth, Ill.
May 28. 1940.

Mr. Robert Lee.
Bureau of Investigation.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

I was over to the farm of Wm. B. Wernecke Wadsworth Road. Wadsworth, Ill. to see if he was moved out and I found some dynamite caps in boxes. I thought you should know that as there were some caps Mr Wernecke owned.

I Remain as
Very Truly Yours
Edward
Wadsworth Road
Wadsworth, Ill.

65-58-26
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 3 1940
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — Chicago file 65-582

Report made at	Date made	Period for which made	Report made by
Chicago, Illinois	6/8/40	5/23-28/40	A. J. MARCHESSAULT AJM/ehc

Title	Character of Case
WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, with alias; MRS. WERNECKE, with alias; MARTHA C. ERNEST SCHARF, with alias; MARCELLA, with alias; FRANZ; YACQUI	ESPIONAGE

Synopsis of Facts: Postmaster GILROY, of Lake Forest, Illinois, advised that mail for HARRY O. KRAUSARE was being forwarded to Boone Hotel, 509 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. TOM DIXON, deputy sheriff of Gurnee, advised that WERNECKE moved two truckloads of goods to Route 22, on a farm near Prairie View, on May 14 or 15. Postmaster at Prairie View informed that J. MISAVICE occupied the farm where WERNECKE moved goods and where Subject WERNECKE was observed by writer. PRENTICE PORTER states that BRONSON DENNEHY ULSETH Insurance Company hired one A. CAFFERETA to make investigation at Mill Creek under cover. MR. CAFFERETA informed Agent he observed at WERNECKE'S place one regular Army rifle, one .22 rifle, one shotgun, dynamite, fuse, and caps, binoculars, a periscope marked "U. S. Army," swastika flag with pins attached thereto. Logs at Waukegan Airport checked by writer. RUTH HARMON at Kenosha, Wisconsin, Airport, advised ~~that BARON VON STRONSDOFF was the owner of a~~ red Cub Coupe. Mail covers placed by Prairie View Post Office on J. MISAVICE farm, Route No. 2. Mail covers placed by Niles Center Post Office on the residence of ERNEST SCHARF. Long distance calls made by WILLIAM WERNECKE, ERNEST SCHARF, and DeLuxe Cleaners requested from Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

P.

Approved and Forwarded H. L. Devereaux SAC AMJ.	Do not write in these spaces
	65-582-27

* Copies of this report
5 Bureau
1 Comm. J. W. GREGORY, ONI, Gr.Lakes Ill. (Pers. and Conf.)
1 Capt. GILES CARPENTER, G-2, Chicago, Ill. (Pers. and Conf.)
2 Milwaukee 2 Springfield (4) Chicago

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent (A) ROBERT E. LEE, Chicago, Illinois, dated May 15, 1940.

DETAILS: At Lake Forest, Illinois.

Postmaster GILROY advised that all mail addressed to HARRY O. KRAUSARE was forwarded to 509 West Madison Street at the Boone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. It was further ascertained from MR. GILROY that MR. KRAUSARE was receiving unemployment compensation checks. MR. GILROY advised Agent that the families that were living at 600 Waukegan Road were BYRON ELTING, daughter of C. L. LEONARD, owner of the estate, R. B. HARRISON, and R. B. UPHAM, JR.

Chief FRANK TIFFANY, of the Lake Forest Police Department, telephone number Lake Forest 2020, advised Agent that TOM DIXON, deputy sheriff at Gurnee, advised him that WERNECKE had moved two truckloads of boxes from the MILBURN farm to a farm on Route No. 22. He further advised that he had made a couple of trips in plain clothes past the farm at 600 Waukegan Road but found nothing out of the way. He further stated that it was brought to his attention that a chap by the name of OTTO was working for one WILLIAM MICHAEL, of Lake Forest.

At Gurnee, Illinois.

MR. TOM DIXON, deputy sheriff, advised Agent that while he was driving on the MILBURN farm road around May 14th or 15th he saw two trucks pull out of the MILBURN farm with their lights off, and believed that they were up to something so tailed them. He noticed that the two trucks were loaded with cardboard boxes. He further stated that he placed these two trucks on a farm near Prairie View on Route No. 22.

Agent, with the assistance of DIXON, located this farm on Route 22 and observed WERNECKE and two other people talking in the yard. This farm is located on the south side of the road on Route No. 22, which runs east and west between Route U. S. 45, which runs north and south, and Route Illinois 45, which runs north and south, exactly one mile from U. S. 45 going west. Further, it is just west of Prairie View, Lake County, and the next farm west of CHARLEY FIORE'S Nursery.

At Prairie View, Illinois.

The postmaster of the Prairie View Post Office advised Agent that one J. MISAVICE, Route No. 2, occupied this farm.

MR. TOM DIXON advised Agent that his telephone number was Majestic 913Y2 on an eight-party line; that if the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wished to call him they should call this number and ask him to call back on a private phone.

At Chicago, Illinois.

MR. F. H. LONGEWAY, of the United States Civil Aeronautics, General Inspection Division, 6200 South Cicero, advised Agent telephonically that the red Taylorcraft Plane, No. NC-21267, was owned by WAYNE K. CARPENTER, of 724 - 12th Street, Wilmette, Illinois.

MR. PRENTICE PORTER, Room 1007, First National Bank Building, president of the Mill Creek Hunt Club, advised Agent that he was notified by the porter, one WYATT KELLY, of the hunt club, that a number of articles had been taken from the club. He stated that he therefore notified MR. CHARLES DENNEHY, of the Bronson-Dennehy-Ulseth Insurance Company, who carried the insurance on the club. PORTER further states that MR. DENNEHY sent out an investigator by the name of CAFFARETA to determine whether the articles were missing. PORTER states that he accompanied CAFFERETA to the club and then to WERNECKE'S Milburn farm, where a search was made unbeknown to WERNECKE. He further states that in WERNECKE'S living quarters he observed two swastika banners, a picture of HITLER, an Army rifle, and other high-powered rifles. He states that then MR. CAFFERETA made a search of the farm buildings, and that he, PORTER, did not accompany him; further, that the articles reported taken from the hunt club were observed in WERNECKE'S living quarters. MR. PORTER advised that the porter, WYATT KELLY, knows a great deal about WERNECKE'S activities, and that he should be contacted.

MR. CHARLES DENNEHY, of the Bronson-Dennehy-Ulseth Insurance Company, 175 West Jackson Street, advised Agent that the Mill Creek Hunt Club was insured by his company, and that last fall MR. PORTER had advised him of articles missing from the hunt club. He stated that he employed one A. A. CAFFERETA, a person who had experience in investigative work, and asked him to conduct this investigation. MR. DENNEHY informed Agent that MR. CAFFERETA made the investigation and told him verbally that the articles stolen from

the hunt club were observed at WERNECKE'S; that guns and dynamite, fuse, and caps were also observed. MR. DENNEHY states that because of the lack of interest shown by MR. PORTER and the hunt club no written report was made of the incident.

Agent under pretext went to the Illinois Citizens Animal Welfare Shelter, 189 West Madison Street, inquiring about dogs. During the conversation with MRS. B. WITHERELL, clerk, she advised Agent that MISS VIOLA LARSEN took all complaints concerning dogs, and that she was located at 511 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0285; that MISS LARSEN had been employed by the Illinois Citizens Animal Welfare Shelter for a number of years.

JOHN BAKER, clerk at the Boone Hotel, 509 West Madison Street, advised Agent that HARRY KRAUSARE left the Boone Hotel May 9, 1940, and left no forwarding address.

Superintendent GEORGE LANE, of the United States Post Office, 433 West Van Buren Street, advised Agent that HARRY KRAUSARE was receiving mail at 717 North Dearborn Street.

MR. A. A. CAFFERETA, presently a fireman, home address 1432 Esther Avenue, telephone Hollycourt 4765, business address 158 West Erie Street, telephone Delaware 0051, advised Agent that MR. DENNEHY had called him up last fall, asking him if he would make an investigation at the Mill Creek Hunt Club at Milburn to determine what had become of the articles that were taken from instant club. He stated that he went out there with MR. PORTER and after determining that the articles were missing from the hunt club and after talking to MR. ED STROPE determined that the articles were in WERNECKE'S living quarters. He stated that he and MR. PORTER entered the living quarters, and there he observed the articles that were missing, namely, lamps and Wedgewood china. He stated that he also observed one swastika banner hanging on the wall with several Nazi pins attached thereto, books and pamphlets concerning Bund activities on the second floor, a pair of binoculars, and a periscope marked "U. S. Army." He further stated that he then went alone and searched the farm buildings, where he observed a number of dynamite sticks, fuse, and caps, one regular Army rifle with the butt of the gun hollowed out so that cartridges could be placed therein, a .22 rifle, and a shotgun. He further advised Agent that he talked quite a great deal with MRS. STROPE, who advised him that they had been hired by MISS VIOLA LARSEN to seek employment from WERNECKE and during such

employment to try to obtain information concerning the death of one MRS. MARSHALL, who was a very close friend of MISS LARSEN. MR. CAFFERETA further advised that he had made notes and had taken down the serial number of the Army rifle, but due to the lack of interest shown by MR. PORTER and MR. DENNEHY he had failed to make a written report and had destroyed his notes.

Agent located HARRY KRAUSARE at 717 North Dearborn Street and asked him to come to the Chicago Office, where he was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge W. S. DEVEREAUX and then by Agent. MR. KRAUSARE advised Agent that after he had reported the activities of WERNECKE to Special Agent (A) ROBERT E. LEE he went back to the WERNECKE Milburn farm and there met WERNECKE. WERNECKE advised him at that time that his services were no longer required. KRAUSARE states that he then left the WERNECKE farm and came to Chicago, where he stayed at the Boone Hotel for a few days and later moved to 717 North Dearborn Street, telephone Delaware 9748. KRAUSARE advised Agent that it was his belief that a person by the name of DUFFY, supposed to be a Government man, was furnishing information to WERNECKE. He was unable to furnish his first name or a description of the person named DUFFY. He further stated that VIOLA LARSEN, WERNECKE'S friend, had obtained a job for MR. STROPE, and further advised Agent that MR. STROPE had told him that WERNECKE had once tried to get him to break in the hunt club and obtain articles for him; further, that MR. STROPE had informed him that he had seen twenty-five guns, shotguns, Army rifles, and revolvers during his stay at the WERNECKE farm; that he had watched the WERNECKE group drill in the barn, and that he, MR. STROPE, had attended one of their meetings to try to find out just what was going on. He stated further that around May 3rd or 4th, while WERNECKE and ERNEST SCHARF, ED STROPE, and himself were gathered in WERNECKE'S living quarters something was said concerning the war and he, HARRY KRAUSARE, spoke up and said, "We'll all be in the army soon." KRAUSARE states that SCHARF turned and spoke to them all and said, "Well, they might take us in the army and give us rifles, but when we get over there they can't tell us who to fight for."

Sergeant McDONALD, of the Waukegan, Illinois, Police Department, advised Agent telephonically that he had not developed any further information concerning the matter that Agent LEE spoke to him about, which was concerning the Waukegan Airport.

At Waukegan, Illinois.

MR. WAYNE CARPENTER, of the Waukegan Airport, advised Agent that he was the owner of the Taylorcraft plane, No. NC-21267, and was also the owner of the airport. He stated that he had about twenty-five students who were taking lessons, and he used the red Taylorcraft plane, which is ordinarily called "the red Cub Coupe," for instruction purposes. MR. CARPENTER produced his log, and Agent examined it. It reflected that on May 5, 1940, D. NEUHAUS, student, went up with instructor WAYNE CARPENTER for thirty minutes; that BOB EHRLER went up with instructor CARPENTER for thirty minutes; that LESTER HAUCK, licensed pilot, went up with a passenger for thirty-five minutes; that DON KURTZ, licensed pilot, went up alone for twenty-six minutes; and that PHIL BALES, licensed pilot, went up alone towards evening, just before dark, for eight minutes. MR. CARPENTER was quite satisfied in his own mind that his plane had not been used by anyone for any illegal purposes, inasmuch as he was in close touch with instant plane at all times because of the fact that he used it for instruction in the school. MR. CARPENTER gave a history of each of these five persons who took the plane up on May 5, 1940, and they were all under the age of twenty-four, having lived and worked around Waukegan for years.

MR. H. VAN ALSTINE, instructor at the Waukegan Airport, advised Agent that sometime last fall he remembered seeing a red coupe plane at the Kenosha Airport and was told over there that it belonged to BARON VON ----, a German whose last name he was unable to give. He stated that he had seen the baron fly many times but had never spoken to him.

MRS. STROPE advised Agent that she had known MISS VIOLA LARSEN for a number of years, and that her husband, MR. STROPE, had gone to MISS LARSEN when he was out of work in order to obtain some. MISS LARSEN at that time advised them to go to MR. WERNECKE and ask him for a job and if they were able to obtain one during their employment they should try to get any information possible concerning the circumstances of the death of MRS. MARSHALL. MRS. STROPE states that they received no money from MISS LARSEN for this work. MRS. STROPE further advised that around the 14th or 15th of May she observed two trucks enter the WERNECKE farm, load, then go out of the farmyard with the truck lights off. She further states that on May 24th and 25th, between 9:00 and 12:00 A.M., she observed a red plane flying over the WERNECKE farm, coming down pretty low, circling around three or

four times, and then go east. She advises that she was unable to see any numbers on the plane, but states that the next time she sees this plane she will try to obtain the numbers. She states that she remembers being introduced to the flyer of this plane by MR. WERNECKE and thought that the name was OTT or OTTO. She stated further that this person was a German and had quite an accent. She further states that while WERNECKE was at his farm a young girl about fifteen or sixteen years of age stayed there quite a bit and her name, she believed, was MOUSIE, but she was unable to give her last name but stated she thought it started with an "M". She further states that her father owns a farm on Route 22. It is Agent's belief that her father is J. MISAVICE.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin.

MISS RUTH HARMON, of the Kenosha Airport, advised Agent that one BARON ALBERT VON STRONSDOFF was the owner of a red Cub coupe; further, that he was in the habit of flying to the Kenosha Airport but lately has hangared his ship at the Racine Airport, Racine, Wisconsin. She states that he is a German and has quite an accent, and gave the following description of him:

Age	35 years
Hair	Blond
Build	Slender
Weight	165 pounds
Height	5' 9"
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Remarks	Very intelligent

She states that he went to Germany last summer to visit his mother, who is presently living in Germany; that when he came back he spent some time in Florida and then went directly to Racine, Wisconsin, where he has been ever since. She stated that it was her belief that his business was handling pin ball machines and the theatre bank night business; further, that he has a great deal of money, drives a beautiful Chrysler Deluxe Sedan, and has bought two airplanes in the last two years. She was unable to give the number of the red coupe, but gave the following address of VON STRONSDOFF: 225 Lafayette Avenue, Apartment 309. She stated that there are two airports at Racine, but the airport in which VON STRONSDOFF has his plane hangared is the Racine Airport called the "Air City Airport" and managed by FLOYD WEBER.

A letter has been addressed to the postmaster at Prairie View, Illinois, requesting a thirty-day mail cover on the J. MISAVICE farm, Route No. 2.

A letter has also been addressed to the postmaster at Niles Center, Illinois, requesting a thirty-day mail cover on the residence of ERNEST SCHARF, 4837 Louise Avenue.

A letter has been addressed to the postmaster at Lake Forest, Illinois, requesting a cover on all mail addressed to WILLIAM L. WERNECKE and other families at 600 Waukegan Road for a period of thirty days.

A letter has been addressed to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company requesting a record of all long distance calls made from May 5, 1940, by WILLIAM WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Briargate 4767, and ERNEST SCHARF or the Deluxe Cleaners, Niles Center, Illinois, telephone Niles Center 45.

As requested from the Lake Forest, Illinois, Post Office, the following mail tracings have been received:

Letter postmarked Evanston, Illinois, May 23, 1940, 5 PM, addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Robert Upham, Jr., Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Ill."

Letter postmarked Toledo, Ohio, May 26, 1940, 4 PM, addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Harrison, Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Ill."

Postal card postmarked "Johnson City, Illinois, May 23, 1940, 10 PM," with the return address "C. HARRIS, R. E., 906 Benton Street," addressed to "Mr. W. Wernecke, 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill."

Letter addressed to "Miss Martha Wernecke, 6250 N. Wayne, Chicago," from "Hyde Park Hotel, Hyde Park Blvd. and Lake Park Ave., Chicago," no postmark shown.

Letter postmarked Chicago, Ill., May 25, 1940, 1:30 PM, Old P.O. Annex, from "Rm. 452, 129 S. LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois," addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Byron Elting, 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois."

Letter postmarked Chicago, Ill., May 24, 1940, 8 PM, from the Bell Telephone Company, 212 W. Washington St., addressed to "Wm. Wernecke, 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

At Racine, Wisconsin, will conduct a discreet investigation to determine the activities of BARON VON STRONSDOFF, 225 Lafayette Avenue, Apartment 309, owner of red Cub plane hangared at the Air City Airport, managed by FLOYD WEBER, and determine whether this plane was flown on May 5, 1940, and May 24 and 25, 1940, between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon.

For the information of the Milwaukee Office, which has not received copies of previous reports, it has been reported to the Chicago Office that a red plane has been dropping pamphlets, communistic in nature, over the city of Chicago. Further, it should be kept in mind that the red plane seen over Subject's farm might be the same as that one flown by BARON ALBERT VON STRONSDOFF.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION

At Johnson City, Illinois, will determine the business of C. HARRIS, R. E., 906 Benton Street, keeping in mind that he might be connected with subjects of this case.

For the information of the Springfield Office, which has not received copies of previous reports, WILLIAM L. WERNECKE is the reputed secretary of the Nazi Bund and has been active in anti-Semitic organizations, and drilling activities have been noted on the WERNECKE farm, as well as Nazi emblems, firearms, et cetera.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Lake Forest, Illinois, will maintain contact with Chief FRANK TIFFANY for any information that he might have concerning WERNECKE'S activities, also the activities of the people on the farm located at 600 Waukegan Road.

Will make a discreet investigation to determine the name of the person called OTTO who is working for WILLIAM MICKAL and, also, his connection with the WERNECKE group.

At Prairie View, Illinois, will make a discreet investigation in the neighborhood of the J. MISAVICE farm to determine whether WERNECKE is carrying on his activities at this farm.

At Waukegan, Illinois, at the police department will maintain contact with Sergeants TYRELL and McDONALD for any information they might have developed as to the Spierling Castle, a tavern located at the junction of Routes 45 and 173.

At Niles Center, Illinois, will conduct discreet investigation as to ERNEST SCHARF at the Deluxe Cleaners, 4837 Louise Avenue.

At Milburn, Illinois, will keep in contact with MR. and MRS. ED STROPE for any further information they might have developed. The STROPES are presently living with one JOHN KUYAWA across the road from the BEHR estate.

At Chicago, Illinois, will interview WYATT KELLY, 5514 Indiana Avenue, telephone Englewood 7063, for information he has concerning WERNECKE'S activities while at the Milburn farm.

By discreet investigation will attempt to learn something about VIOLA LARSEN at 511 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0285, keeping in mind that she might be a friend of WERNECKE'S and, also, what MRS. STROPE said.

* Will determine the identity of SAM DELVECCHIO, 1026 South Halsted Street, phone number Haymarket 0285. This is the phone number of ED STROPE and VIOLA LARSEN.

Will keep in contact with HARRY KRAUSARE, 717 North Dearborn Street, telephone Delaware 9748.

* At the Monroe Cleaners and the North Side Cleaners and Dyers will discreetly ascertain the background of ERNEST SCHARF.

Will determine the occupant of Room 452, 129 South LaSalle Street, keeping in mind that a letter bearing this return address was sent to MR. and MRS. BYRON ELTING, 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois.

- PENDING -

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

June 9, 1940

MEMORANDUM TO THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - W. S. DEVEREAUX

On the above date at 11:00 P.M. MR. HAROLD TAYLOR, editor of the Waukegan Post called this office and stated that he desired to talk to you. He stated that our office made a raid some time ago at a Country Club in the vicinity of Waukegan and that the story has been enlarged from time to time and that he desired to get a statement from you so that they could put a stop to the stories that were circulating.

I suggested to the caller that he telephone this office in the morning and make arrangements at that time to have an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. OSTLING

Raid denied that other than ... Put in Waukegan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 10 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FBI

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
June 8, 1940

Edward Stropa
Wadsworth, Illinois

Dear Sir

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 28, 1940, wherein you advise you are in possession of some dynamite caps that you found on a farm located on Wadsworth Road.

I wish to inform you that an Agent will call upon you in the immediate future to determine if, from the facts you have in your possession, there appears to be a violation of an existing Federal statute.

Very truly yours

WSD:IAJ

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

65-582-29

Chicago, Illinois
June 17, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, with alias;
et al.
ESPIONAGE.

On June 11, 1940, MR. EDWARD STROPE called at this Office in response to a letter written to him dated June 8, 1940. MR. STROPE was accompanied by his wife (EMILY) and advised that at the present time they are living at 226 Scott Street, telephone Lincoln 1888, Chicago, Illinois. MR. STROPE further advised that he formerly worked on the farm which was rented by WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, known as the Behr Farm and Mill Creek Hunt Club. He stated that while employed on that farm he noted that WERNECKE had dynamite stored in a little house next to the main lodge. He further stated that he worked for WERNECKE for approximately eight months during which time he was not permitted to have any visitors at the farm nor was he permitted to leave the farm for any extended periods, these being instructions given him by WERNECKE.

STROPE further advised that WERNECKE had working for him one ~~HARRY KRAUSSER~~ who commenced working on about April 30, 1940. KRAUSSER is supposed to have stated to STROPE that he was a Government man and by way of convincing STROPE he is supposed to have called this Office by telephone. According to STROPE, WERNECKE ~~brought KRAUSSER to the farm and also indicated that he was a Government man.~~

STROPE further advised that insofar as he knows KRAUSSER may still be connected with WERNECKE and that during all the time he was on the farm he, KRAUSSER, carried a .45 Colt automatic. KRAUSSER'S wife is supposed to be a nurse and works in the Fox River Sanitarium.

MR. STROPE further advised that WERNECKE at one time stated that he bought a large number of discontinued army rifles which he is supposed to have purchased from the Government. During the time

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that STROPE was on the farm he stated that WERNECKE had a large number of visitors, all of whom appeared to be very pro-Nazi and that on numerous occasions they drilled on the farm with the use of rifles. WERNECKE is also supposed to have had a large swastika flag which is prominently displayed in the house occupied by him.

MR. STROPE was requested to again call at this Office in the event he secured any additional information concerning the activities of WERNECKE.

A. H. JOHNSON,
Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

AHJ:RVT
65-582

Trojan Horsemen Melt As FBI Investigates '5th Column' in County

William Devereaux, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, today dispersed the Fifth column in Lake county. Trojan horsemen vanished into thin air by the hundreds.

Devereaux acted to clear the atmosphere after an inaccurate published mention Saturday regarding subversive activities in the county. The matter referred to had been known for quite some time to responsible persons in and around Waukegan, but the responsible persons had naturally respected the confidence of the FBI.

Devereaux said there was no longer any use of keeping silence on certain phases of suspected Fifth Column activity, and sanctioned the printing, with qualifications, of several items which had been held in confidence.

He paid particular attention to the recurring story of a raid on the caretaker's farmhouse on the property of the Onwentsia club east of Millburn. This story widens like ripples in a pool.

Close to Millburn, a G-man calls on the caretaker, views a world war machine gun, takes the numbers of a couple of old military rifles, to make sure they weren't stolen, views several sticks of dynamite, such as any large farm property might have for cracking stumps or boulders, and goes about his business.

Further away from Millburn, the world war machine gun becomes first 17, then 32, then 35, loaded Enfield rifles, and the dynamite turns into a mountainous ammunition dump.

By the time you get out of Lake county, the story has had added to it a great scattering of drilling Nazis when a squad of G-men burst into the fifth columnists' armory.

And when the trail of the Millburn raid story reaches Chicago, there's a great gathering of Lake Forest face cards, drilling shoulder to shoulder with their butlers and housemen, all looking forward to the revolution.

What's the truth? Says Devereaux:

"There was no such raid! No raid at all on the club grounds or near them."

The beginning of the story of the raid might have been found in the trouble William Warnecke, 37, the former caretaker for the Onwentsia club, had last winter in Millburn, or the scrape he is now in with Chicago police.

Warnecke, son of a Chicago woman politician, who is herself an admirer of Hitler and a leader in the German-American bund, went to the central police station in Chicago some weeks ago, to make bond for five men who had been seized for smashing the windows of the Goldblatt Brothers State street store.

Police said Warnecke attacked them. Warnecke said police attacked him. At any rate, Warnecke was beaten, and when he appeared in municipal court was fined. He is now appealing the fine.

Put in Warnecke file

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FILE

The Waukegan Post
Tuesday June 11, 1940.

Trojan Horsemen Melt Under FBI Scrutiny

(Continued from Page 1).

Last winter a Fox Lake doctor was called to the house where Warnecke lived, to treat a woman friend of Warnecke's, a Miss or Mrs. Marshall. The doctor recoiled at the sight of a picture of Adolf Hitler, an embroidered swastika banner and other Nazi symbols. Warnecke asked him:

"Are you here as a doctor or a detective?"

The doctor suspended the quarrel when he saw the woman's grave condition. Despite his efforts, she died.

When Warnecke left his job at the club, taking his firearms and Nazi paraphernlia with him, it is believed, the stories of his pro-Nazi activities were reviewed and enlarged upon until they grew into circumstantial accounts of the raid.

In his last few weeks at the club, Warnecke had a guest, a mysterious stranger whose name no one around Millburn remembers having heard. He was an average man with a southern accent, and that's as far as Millburn's memory goes.

The southerner, after Warnecke left, worked around at various farms. Early in May he was working at the farm of a man who asked The Post not to use his name. An automobile drove up, and the driver got out and engaged the southerner in earnest conversation in the barn. The farmer listened, peeped, found that the motorist was delivering a bundle of pro-Nazi pamphlets to the stranger, and drove both men off his farm. The stranger with the southern accent has since disappeared.

Devereaux told The Post today that no useful purpose was to be served in keeping this story a secret any longer, so long as it was made plain that the FBI had made no comment as to whether it was responsible either for Warnecke's losing his job or Warnecke's friend's disappearance.

Another story, which Devereaux sanctioned for publication with the same "No comment" reservation, was that since the asserted raid on Warnecke's quarters two young Fox Lake region hoodlums have been boasting:

"The FBI isn't nearly as smart as it thinks it is. Warnecke didn't have anything to do with the bund. The bund is still going strong right across the line in McHenry county — and the FBI doesn't know anything about it."

This story generally adds that two — sometimes it's three — G-men are following the two youths around, hoping to be led to a woman leader of the bund across the line in McHenry county. This also was "all right to print"—but drew a "no comment," from Devereaux.

Chicago, Illinois
June 10, 1940

MEMORANDUM TO THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - W. S. DEVEREAUX

Attached hereto you will find a circular which is headed "Beware of the British Serpent", which was recently turned over to the writer by MR. H. HOOPER of the Stewart Warner Corporation, 1828 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

MR. HOOPER advised that the above-mentioned circular represents some of a group which were left on the sidewalk in front of the entrance to the plant and found there on the morning of May 24, 1940.

It is obviously German propaganda as will be noted.

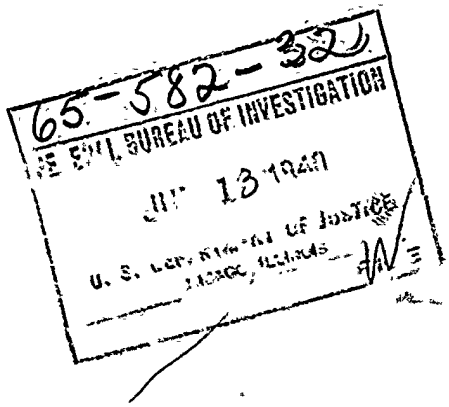
Respectfully submitted,

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EUGENE X. HUMPHREY
Special Agent

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION

United States Post Office

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BEW:CP

June 21, 1940.

Mr. W. S. Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your requests, I am transmitting herewith tracings described as follows:

File No. 65-582 - Wernecke Family

File No. 65-561 - Mrs. Hanna Friedlander, c/o Miss Levitas.

Very truly yours,

Ernest J. Krueger

Postmaster.

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FRANK KOHN
2910 Pine Grove Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

June 21, 1940

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

The attached propaganda leaflet was picked up in the court-yard of the building at the above address.

Very truly yours,

Frank Kohn, Manager
SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO.
State Street Store

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 22 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
June 25, 1940

Mr. Frank Kohn
2910 Pine Grove Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kohn

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 21, 1940, with which you forwarded a pamphlet entitled "Beware the British Serpent!!".

Sincerely yours

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION

United States Post Office

BEW:CP

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

June 26, 1940.

Mr. W.S. Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir: File No. 65-582.

In accordance with your request, I am transmitting herewith tracing of a letter addressed to W. Wernecke, this city.

Very truly yours,

Ernest J. Rivet
Postmaster.

Encl.

65-582-36

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 27 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE NO

LH-5X

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 27, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Re: TONY CALVELLI; ET AL -
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES
Stephen Benish, Informant

I am quoting below a letter dated June 14, 1940, received from STEPHEN BENISH, Horlick's, Racine, Wisconsin.

"June 14, 1940

"Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1021 Bankers Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

"Tony Calvelli -- Tavern
1941 Mead Street
Racine, Wisconsin

"Since Italy entered the war has a habit of cursing the President and remarked if we ever got into the war he would lock up his two sons in jail rather than allow them to enlist or be drafted. Bad character.

"Trossen -- Little German Beer Garden, north of Racine.
"Nazi hot-bed.

"Known as Baron Albert Von Stronstorf
"Found at Elks Club

"Please refer to your file, 9/25/39--letter addressed to me--same party."

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"Operates gambling machines and did at time he applied for second papers. As reported seems to have plenty of money.

"Owns and operates plane. Seems to be a good deal of mystery about this party.

"Made the remark in the Elks Club just recently expressing his hope that Hitler would win the war and dominate Europe, which he declared would then end all wars. Continues to get foreign mail.

"This for your information.

"Respectfully, etc.

/s/ "Stephen Bonigh
Horlick's
Racine"

"SB:DH"

(((That portion of the communication relating to BARON ALBERT VON STEINSTORF is being made the subject of investigation in connection with the case entitled "WILLIAM L. [illegible], with aliases, ET AL - ESPIONAGE," origin Chicago, Chicago file 65-582.)))

The other information set out above fails to reflect any subversive acts in violation of existing Federal Statutes; therefore, no investigation is being conducted in this matter at the present time.

L. V. Boardman
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau (2)
Chicago

Prairie View Ill
July 2, 1940

W. S. Devereaux,
F.B.I. Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Following is a list of all mail received by J. Misavice in June, as you requested.

Sent from,

June-2. 540 N. Milwaukee, Libertyville, Illinois
2. Frank Starp, Prairie View Illinois
4. Otto Anderson, Wheeling Illinois
4. Public Service Libertyville Illinois
5. Herschberger Implements, Prairie View Ill.
7. Dept. C, De Kalb Illinois
10. Dr. A. G. Gieske, Barrington Ill.
10 "The Furrow", Moline Ill
13. Public Service, Evanston Ill
13. Herald American, Chicago Ill
15. 130 N. Genesee St. Waukegan Ill
15. Lake-Cook Farm Supply, Des Plaines Ill.
17. International Harvester Chicago Ill
19. Ferry Hill Farm, Prairie View Ill
21. Tuth Furniture Co, Chicago Ill
24. Waukegan State Bank, Waukegan Ill

William L. Wernicke received no mail thru this office. I have been reliably informed that he frequently visited the Misavice home; if that is any assistance.

I am glad to be of any service.

Sincerely, Hanna Bostian

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL -3 1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Chicago, Ill.
June 25-1940.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you this letter I received yesterday. Just thought I should bring it to your attention. I do not think the mails should be used for this purpose - Hoping that this will help you find the guilty person -

I am. 65-582-39

Yours Truly,

Mrs. L. R.

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION

United States Post Office

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BEW:hf



June 27, 1940.

Post Office Inspector in Charge
Main Post Office Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

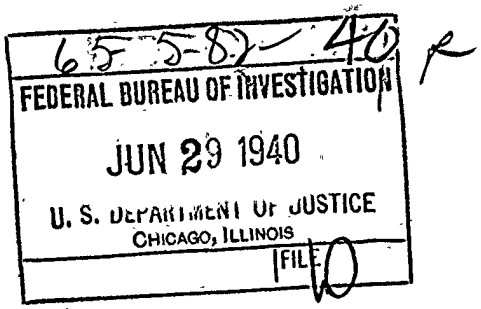
There is transmitted herewith a letter from Mrs. F. Rose, 5320 North New England Avenue, this city, together with a propaganda circular which was apparently mailed to her under cover of the enclosed envelope.

This matter is referred for your information and such action as maynbe deemed advisable, Mrs. Rose having been informed of this reference to you.

Very truly yours,

Ernest J. Kruetgen,

Postmaster.



CHICAGO DIVISION

Illinois
Michigan
Wisconsin

ADDRESS REPLY TO
POST OFFICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
AND QUOTE

Post Office Department

POST OFFICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois June 28, 1940.

Mr. W. S. Devereaux,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Devereaux:

I transmit herewith printed circular evidently mailed at Chicago, Illinois, June 23, 1940, addressed to Mrs. Frank P. Rose, 5320 North New England Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and submitted by the addressee through the Postmaster, Chicago, Illinois.

As the circular in question is in the nature of propaganda, the matter is referred to your office for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Inspector in Charge.

Encls.

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JUN 29 1940
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 3, 1940

Mr. A. A. Imus
Post Office Inspector in Charge
U. S. Post Office Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: Circular "BEWARE BRITISH SERPENT"

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 28, 1940, with which letter you transmitted a printed circular received by Mrs. Frank P. Rose, 5320 North New England Avenue, Chicago, Illinois as well as the letter forwarded to the Postmaster at Chicago, Illinois, by Mrs. F. Rose.

I want to sincerely thank you for calling this information to my attention.

Very truly yours,

cc-Bureau

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6-58-42

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 3, 1940

Mrs. F. Rose
5320 North New England Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Your letter of June 25, 1940, has been referred to this office by Post Office Inspector in Charge A. A. Imms. I want to sincerely thank you for calling this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,
Special Agent in Charge.

WSD:MC

65-582-93

United States Post Office

Second CLASS

Niles Center, Illinois

IN REPLYING MENTION INITIALS AND DATE

July 8, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 29, file: 65-582 the results of the cover placed on all mail addressed to Ernest Scharf, 4837 Louise Ave., this city are listed as follows:

Date	Postmark	Sender	Class of Mail	Remarks.
6-1-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No mail
6-2-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	Sunday
6-3-40	Chicago, Ill.	Nelson Bros., 4840 Broadway, Chicago.	Large env. letter	
6-4-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No mail
6-5-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No mail
6-6-40	Chicago, Ill.	Sears Roebuck & Co. 4007 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Ill.	Small env. letter	
6-7-40	Chicago, Ill.	4840 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.	Lg. Env. 3rd cl. Mail	
6-8-40	Niles Center	The News	2nd cl. Weekly newspaper	
6-8-40	Chicago, Ill.	Wieboldt's, Ashland near Madison Chicago, Ill.	3rd class advertising matter	
6-9-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	Sunday
6-10-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-11-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-12-40	Chicago, Ill.	House of Representatives United States, Hon. Hamilton Fish	Letter	
6-13-40	Chicago, Ill.	L.B. Billingsly Mach. Co. 4320 Main St., Dallas, Tex.	Letter Lg. Env.	
6-14-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-15-40	Evanston, Ill.	Stuart, 6021 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Ill.	Advertising 3rd class	
6-16-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Sunday
6-17-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-18-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-19-40	Niles Center	Illinois Bell Tel. Co., 212 W. Washington St. Chicago, Ill.	Letter	

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Date	Postmark	Sender	Class of Mail	Remarks
6-19-40	Niles Center	Niles Center Post #320 American Legion	3rd-4th of July advertising	
6-20-40	Chicago,Ill.	C. B. Hedstrom 854-56 Belmont Ave Chicago,Ill.	4th-Parcel	
6-21-40	Niles Center	The News	2nd-Newspaper	
6-22-40	x x x	x x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-23-40	x x x	x x x x	x x x	Sunday
6-24-40	Chicago,Ill.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Connelly 2343 W. Ainslie Ave., Chicago,Ill.	Letter	
6-25-40	x x x	x x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-26-40	Niles Center	Public Service Co.	1st cl.	Light bill
6-26-40	Chicago,Ill.	No return address	1st cl.	
6-28-40	Niles Center	The News	2nd-Newspaper	
6-28-40	Ludington,Mich		1st	Post card
6-28-40	New York,N.Y.	German Library of Information 17 Battery Place	3rd cl.pamphlet	
6-29-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
6-30-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	Sunday
7-1-40	New York,N.Y.	German Library of Information 17 Battery Place	3rd cl.pamphlet	
7-2-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
7-3-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
7-4-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	Holiday
7-5-40	Niles Center	The News	2nd-Newspaper	
7-6-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	No Mail
7-7-40	x x x	x x x	x x x	Sunday
7-8-40	Morton Grove,Ill.	German-American National Alliance	Letter	P.O.Box 402.

Respectfully submitted,

William K. Lyon

William K. Lyon
Postmaster

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Form No. 1
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FILE NO. 65-202

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	7/12/40	6/21/40	C. H. ROBERSON [illegible]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM L. [illegible]CKE, with alias; [illegible], with alias; [illegible], with alias; [illegible]LLA, with alias; FRANK; YAGUI	ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: BARON ALBERT VON STRONSTORF, Racine, Wisconsin, bears reputation of being bank night promoter and pinball machine operator; owns a red cub coupe airplane. No definite information obtainable as to whether or not STRONSTORF flew his airplane May 24 and 25, 1940.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. J. MARCHESAULT, dated at Chicago 6/3/40.

DETAILS: AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

Lieutenant [illegible] OLSEN, Police Department, advised that [illegible], had been a bank night promoter around Racine, before the Racine authorities closed out bank night. Lieutenant OLSEN also stated that it was his understanding [illegible] was connected with pinball machines. [illegible] examined the Racine Police Department records and ascertained that [illegible] was arrested on October 6, 1939, [illegible] record reflected that [illegible]'s name was ALBERT VON STRONSTORF. Lieutenant OLSEN advised that he did not know very much about STRONSTORF, except that he seemed to always have plenty of money, and that he knew of no work STRONSTORF ever did.

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was gone until June 10, 1940. WEBER stated that STRONSTORF had told him that he had been to Toledo, Ohio, South Bend, Indiana, and some places in Michigan. MR. WEBER stated that there were approximately nine hours put on the ship during this trip.

The description of STRONSTORF as obtained from the police record of the Racine Police Department is as follows:

Name	ALBERT VON STRONSTORF
Age	34 (1937)
Height	5'8"
Weight	160 pounds
Complexion	Light
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Salesman

By letter dated June 14, 1940, STEPHEN BENISH, who was employed at Horlicks' Malted Milk Company, Racine, Wisconsin, furnished the following information relative to VON STRONSTORF:

"Operates gambling machines and did at time he applied for second papers. As reported seems to have plenty of money.

"Owns and operates plane. Seems to be a good deal of mystery about this party.

"Made the remark in the Elks Club just recently expressing his hope that Hitler would win the war and dominate Europe, which he declared would then end all wars. Continues to get foreign mail."

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Chicago, Illinois
August 16, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

HARRY KRAUSARE, 717 North Dearborn Street, telephone - Delaware 9748, came to the Office on August 5, 1940, with Mr. and Mrs. LAWRENCE ROBINSON, 717 North Dearborn Street, and stated that he had been furnishing information to Special Agent MARCHESSAULT and Special Agent in Charge DEVEREAUX and that MARCHESSAULT had asked him to obtain the name of a Nazi. He stated that this man's name was JOSEPH DRESLING and he resides at 717 North Dearborn Street. He was certain that he had already given a description of DRESLING and was confident that Mr. DEVEREAUX knew all about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JJF:FC
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J. J. FISHER
Special Agent

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI CHICAGO 8-26-40 10-45 PM HEW.

DIRECTOR.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS CARRYING FRONT PAGE STORY THAT COUGHLIN GROUP IS LINKED TO BUND IN US INQUIRY AND THAT G MEN QUESTIONED WILLIAM WERNECKE REGARDING AN ALLEGED CONFERENCE WITH FATHER COUGHLIN. NO SUCH RELEASE WAS MADE BY THIS OFFICE AND THEIR SOURCE OF INFORMATION UNKNOWN. THIS INFORMATION BEING FORWARDED IN EVENT OF PRESS INQUIRY.

DEVEREAUX.

END.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT C.I [illegible], ILLINOIS CHI-250 FILE NO. 65-502

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C.I[illegible], ILL.	8/27/40	8/6 & 15/40	H. B. GALLIN DCG:JMS

TITLE C[illegible]:
WILLIAM L. [illegible]DICKE alias "Hitler"; MARTHA O. [illegible]DICKE with aliases:Mrs.Tornecke, "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop"; [illegible] alias "Goering"; [illegible] alias "Mousio"; [illegible]; YSCHWI.

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Several more complaints received concerning [illegible] though no additional pertinent information revealed. No additional information furnished by Chief of Police of Lake Forest,Illinois or by members of Waukegan,Illinois Police Department. Results of mail covers and record of telephone calls relative to [illegible] and associates set out.

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[illegible]; Report of Special Agent H. J. [illegible], Chicago,Illinois 8/8/40.

[illegible]; [illegible]

[illegible] quoted herein in part as follows:

"[illegible] D. [illegible]NLEY, Marshall Field & Company, advised that WILLIAM L. [illegible]DICKE is very active in Bund affairs on the North Side. He stated that the above man had rented from his mother-in-law, [illegible] BENJAMIN [illegible] part of her farm located in West Lake Forest; that he had been

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ordered to move on April 1, 1940,but was taking his time about it. It was further learned that he had moved to a farm on highway #32 on south side west of the Fiore Nursery, between highways 54 and 45. Mr. Stanley advised that various persons had reported seeing German flags, rifles and dynamite on the premises. The Dehr family had been threatened with kidnaping several years ago and are very frightened in participating in any action against any man of Wernecke's type.

[illegible] PORTER, 1007 First National Bank Bldg., advised that he was head of the Mill Creek Hunt Club, which MR.DEHR founded and is adjacent to the property rented by Wernecke; that they have lost about $40 worth of merchandise at the club and some of it had been found in Wernecke's home. Mr. Porter had seen two German flags in Wernecke's home and has been advised by various neighbors that on Sunday nights they usually hold Bund meetings, at which time the men drill, have target practice at 200 yards, and in other ways excite the other farmers.

Mr. Porter had referred the loss of property to Mr.Charles [illegible] Kennedy of the firm of [illegible]ch, Kennedy & Lloyd,Inc. 175 [illegible] Jackson Blvd. who had a detective investigate [illegible] detective [illegible], some telephone [illegible] made on [illegible] [illegible] reported [illegible] to have seen [illegible] [illegible].

In this same connection there has been a red airplane flying over the north shore sections dropping anti-British literature which is thought to have come from Wernecke. The plane used is #NC-81237 which according to the Civil Aeronautic Authority is registered in the name of Wayne Carpenter. From such literature as the writer has seen it is possible that this has come from Ernest Goerner, P.O.Box 1004, Milwaukee, Wis. who may be working with Wernecke.

Full information regarding Wernecke's background was not readily available. It is thought that he was brought to this country at an early age, his father being German who was

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naturalized severalyears ago. His father is now dead, and his mother Dertha L.Kornecke, resides at 6230 Kayne Ave., telephone Briargate 4757. She is employed as an accountant by the Standard Oil Company and has been there for about 15 years. Frank V.Martinek, in charge of Personnel Investigation is well acquainted with her and her sons activities. Mrs. Kornecke is now associating with an Italian bailiff in Judge Lewe's Court, City Hall.

Kornecke lives with his mother from time to time at 6230 Kayne Avenue, Chicago, and for a while maintained an office at 20 North LaSalle Street, and received his mail in Box 3620 Merchandise Mart Station. His girl friend is Marcelle--(last name unknown). Two or three weeks ago Kornecke was badly beaten up supposedly because of his pro-German activities.

Kornecke has been very active in the past in Bund affairs. On February 23, 1938 he attended a meeting at Germania Hall, started a fight against a Dr.VonSchroetter, John Kissner, and Ray Keuly. Case before Jud a Gibson Berman, Chicago Boys Court, on 3/10/38. Kornecke represented by Bund Attorney.

In May 1937 [illegible] filed [illegible] before Judge Lelland against [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] reported to have been distributing literature from the office of Newton Jenkins, head of the Third Party Movement and organizer of "U.S.Unite". Kornecke is known to have accompanied Dr.Willumeit and George Froboese to New York to visit with Fritz Kuhn in November-December 1938.

Kornecke has been closely associated with Col. Edwin H. Ladley, of the Paul Revere Society, and with Raymond J. Healey, publisher of "The Key", official organ of the Gentile Workers Party of America. He is known to have visited with Father Coughlin, at Royal Oak, Mich.

On November 25, 1939 MR. ROMER HAERZ and associates arrested for breaking a window at Goldblatt's Store. Wernecke appeared with bail and same raised to $5000 after police testified before Grand Jury. Wernecke angered by the action of the Police, slugged a police man and locked up. He was fined $100 and costs.

The question of where Wernecke secures his funds is partially answered by the fact that Mrs. Wernecke sold her husband's holdings in Germany and realized considerable money. Wernecke is reported to own the Veni-Veni Cafe, 876 N. Wells St. Chicago".

On June 11, 1940 EDWARD STROPE called at the Chicago office in response to a letter written to him dated June 8, 1940. He was accompanied by his wife Emily, and advised that they were living at 226 Scott Street, telephone Lincoln 1808. MR. STROPE further advised that he formerly worked on the farm which was rented by WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, known as the Dehr Farm and Mill Creek Hunt Club. He stated that while employed on that farm he noted that WERNECKE had dynamite stored in a little house next to the main lodge. He further stated that he worked for WERNECKE for approximately eight months during which time he was not permitted to have any visitors at the farm nor was he permitted to leave the farm for any extended periods, these being instructions given him by the subject.

STROPE further advised that [redacted] had working for him one [redacted] KRAUSARE who commenced working on about April 20, 1940. This individual is supposed to have stated to STROPE that he was a Government Man and by way of convincing STROPE he is supposed to have called this office by telephone. According to STROPE, WERNECKE brought KRAUSARE to the farm and also indicated that he was a Government man.

STROPE further advised that insofar as he knows KRAUSARE may still be connected with WERNECKE and that during all the time he was on the farm KRAUSARE carried a .45 Colt automatic. His wife is supposed to be a nurse and works in the Fox River Sanitarium.

STROPE further advised that WERNECKE at one time stated that he bought a large number of discontinued model army rifles

which he is supposed to have purchased from the Government. During the time that [illegible] was on the farm he stated [illegible] had a large number of visitors, all of whom appeared to be very pro-Nazi and that on numerous occasions they drilled on the farm with the use of rifles. [illegible] is supposed to have had a large swastika flag which is prominently displayed in the house occupied by him.

MR. HAROLD L. [illegible], 924 Central Avenue, Deerfield, Ill. an employee of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois in the Skokie Valley Branch, who has previously offered his services to the Bureau, personally called at the Chicago Field Division on July 27, 1940 and furnished the following information pertaining to the above entitled case:

A fellow employee at the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois named IVOR HAMEL is in charge of the unmetered current. The latter recently mentioned to him that he had had several occasions to check the electric current used at the Meadowwood Farm, 600 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois and in doing so engaged in conversation with the caretaker, whose name he could not recall, and with [illegible] one of the tenants on the place. Both the caretaker and [illegible] mentioned to HAMEL, said [illegible], that there was something queer and unusual going on at that farm. They maintained that there were cars coming and going in a very suspicious manner late at night and that secret meetings were held there.

[illegible] said that he could not state what was to be the purpose of the meetings and that he [illegible] question HAMEL for further details. He explained that he checked the Meadowwood Farm on the books of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois however, and ascertained that it was listed under the name of WILLIAM [illegible], 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois as the owner.

Chief of Police [illegible] TIFFANY of Lake Forest, Illinois was telephonically contacted and advised he has learned nothing additional concerning [illegible]'s activities. Likewise, SERGEANT DANE TYRELL of the Waukegan Police Department telephonically advised that neither he nor SERGEANT WILLIAM McDONALD had developed any information as to Spierling Castle, a tavern at the intersection of routes 45 and 163.

The following are the results of cover placed on the mail of WILLIAM L. WERNECKE and other persons receiving mail at 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago,Illinois:

Addressee	Addressor	Postmark	Date
Mrs.W.Wernecke	C.Harris,R.E, 905 Benton St.	Johnston City,Ill.	5/23/40
Mr.W.W.Wernecke	Mrs.Jennie L.Esun R D Los Molinos,Cal.	Los Molinos,Cal.	5/23/40
W.Wernecke	Anton J,Holup 330 Superior St.	Antigo,Wis.	5/31/40
Bill Wernecke	Postcard from Paul's Grove,Lake St.& Medinah Rd½ miles E.of Bloomingdale	Elmhurst,Ill.	5/27/40
Martha C.Wernecke	Dave Hunter, 1933 Insurance Exchange Building,South Chicago	Chicago,Ill.	5/22/40
Mrs.M.C.Wernecke	William L.Wernecke 20 N.Wacker Dr. Room 927	Chicago,Ill.	5/23/40
Mr.W.Wernecke	Lawrence W.Jennings Real Estate Ashton,Illinois	Sterling,Ill.	5/20/40
Mrs.Martha Wernecke	Frank S.Drubaker 1653 Sedgwick St. Chicago,Illinois	Chicago, Ill.	5/20/40
W.Wernecke	Jefferson Coal Ice Coke Company, 4010 Belden Ave. Chicago,Illinois	Chicago,Ill.	6/ 4/40

Addressee	Addresser	Postmark	Date
Mrs.M.C.Vernecke	Mrs.Bertha Johnson 676 N.Wells St. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/4/40
Martha C.Vernecke	Motor Wheel Corporation,701 E.Saginaw Lansing,Mich.	Lansing,Mich.	6/7/40
Wm.Vernecke	Chicago Tribune Bob Becker,Sports Department	Chicago,Ill.	6/11/40
L.C.Vernecke	C.E.Richards, Foods, Seeds,Fertilizers, E.27th St.Zion,Ill.	Zion,Ill.	6/15/40
Wm.Vernecke	Box 1112 Joliet, Illinois	Joliet,Ill.	6/19/40
[illegible] Vernecke	[illegible] [illegible] State Office Bldg. Denver,Colo.	Denver, Col.	6/19/40
[illegible] Vernecke	[illegible] [illegible] Chicago,Ill.	[illegible]	[illegible]
William Vernecke	Powell Mccartney Counsellor at Law 600 W.North Ave.Chgo.	Chicago,Ill.	6/25/40
William Vernecke	Traffic Branch Room 810 City Hall Chicago	Chicago,Ill.	6/27/40
William Vernecke	Powell Mccartney 600 W.North Ave. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/27/40
Martha Vernecke	First Nat'l Bk.of Chicago,Dearborn-Monroe & Clark	Chicago,Ill.	7/ 1/40

Addressee	Addresser	Postmark	Date
Will Wernecke	1550 Jefferson Street	Chicago,Ill.	7/1/40
Martha C.Wernecke	Carson Pirie Scott & Co,1 S.State St. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	7/2/40
Mrs.M.Wernecke	No return address	Chicago,Ill.	7/2/40
William Wernecke	E-1-39	Chicago,Ill.	7/9/40
Mrs.M.C.Wernecke	Mrs.Bertha Johnson 676 N.Wells St. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	7/8/40
William Wernecke	Edward J.Hughes Secretary of State Sprin field,Ill.	Springfield,Ill.	7/8/40
Levi Reingold c/o Wm.Wernecke	Box 1118 Joliet,Illinois	Joliet,Ill.	7/8/40
[illegible]	Veterans of Foreign Wars,Gen [illegible] [illegible]	Milwaukee,Wis.	
Fred Pokorny c/o W.Wernecke	Pokorny Josef Graf Anschgasse 23 Deutsches Reich Ostmark	--	--
Fred Pokorny c/o W.Wernecke	Josef Pokorny (rest not legible)	Korzzushlaz,Germany	--
William Wernecke	Nach Nord Amerika	Germany	--
Mr.W.B.Wernecke	Drucksache Imprimes printed matter	Germany	--
Fred Pokorny c/o W.Wernecke	Josef Pokorny (not legible)	Oraz,Germany	--

Addressee	Addresser	Postmark	Date
M. MISAVICH c/o M.C.Wermecke	Room 1003,17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.	New York,N.Y.	6/7/40
M.Misevics c/o M.C.Wermecke	Congress of the United States House of Representatives - official business Hamilton Fish	Washington,D.C.	6/7/40
M.Misavics c/o M.C.Wermecke	House of Representatives,Public Documents - Hamilton Fish	Washington, D.C.	
M.Misavics c/o Wermecke	Elmer H.Stults,Inc. Real Estate,Renting 1001 Montrose Ave. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	6/12/40
M.Misavics [illegible]	House of Representatives [illegible] vs War Alarms and Inspired War Propaganda - Speeches of Hon.Hamilton Fish	--	--

The following is the result of cover placed on the mail of WILLIAM WERMECKE and other persons receiving mail at 600 Waukegan Road, Waukegan, Illinois:

Addressee	Addresser	Postmark	Date
Mrs.H.Thurber	Mrs.M.Landis R.3 Box 275 Wausau,Wis.	Wausau,Wis.	6/5/40

Addressee	Addressor	Postmark	Date
Mrs.H.Thurber	H.Landis R.3 Box 275 Wausau,Wis.	Wausau,Wis.	6/7/40
Mrs.Harold Thurber	"Air Mail" - no return	New York,N.Y.	6/9/40
Mrs.Harold Thurber	No return	Peoria,Ill.	6/23/40
Mrs.Harold Therber	Mrs.Steve Horvath R.F.D.#2 Benton Harbor,Mich.	Benton Harbor	7/ 8/40
Mr.& Mrs.Richard B.Harrison	No return (Air Mail)	Miami,Fla.	5/27/40

The following are results of cover placed on the mail addressed to J. MISAVICE, Prairie View,Illinois:

Addressee	Addressor	Postmark	Date
J.Misavice	[illegible] Milwaukee [illegible]ville,Ill.		6/2/40
J.Misavice	Frank Stolrp Prairie View,Ill.		6/3/40
J.Misavice	Otto Anderson Wheeling,Ill.		6/4/40
J.Misavice	Public Service Libertyville,Ill.		6/4/40
J.Misavice	Horschberger Implements Prairie View,Ill.		6/5/40
J.Misavice	Dept.C. Dekalb, Illinois		6/7/40

Addressee	Addressor	Postmark	Date
J.Micavice	Dr.A.G.Giesko Barrington,Ill.		6/10/40
"	"The Furrow" Moline,Ill.		6/10/40
"	Public Service Evanston,Ill.		6/13/40
"	Herald American Chicago,Ill.		6/13/40
"	130 N.Genesee St. Waukegan,Ill.		6/15/40
"	Lake-Cook Farm Supply DesPlaines,Ill.		6/15/40
"	International Harvester Chicago,Ill.		6/17/40
"	Ferry Hill Farm Prairie View,Ill.		6/19/40
"	Fish Furniture Co. Chicago,Ill.		6/21/40
"	[illegible] Waukegan,Ill.		6/24/40

Following are the results of cover placed on the mail addressed to ERNEST SCHARF, 4037 Louise Avenue, Niles Center,Illinois:

Addressee	Addressor	Postmark	Date
Ernest Scharf	Nelson Brothers 4040 Broadway Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/3/40
"	Sears Roebuck & Co. 4007 N.Cicero Ave. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/6/40

Addressee	Addresser	Postmark	Date
Ernest Scharf	4040 Broadway Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/7/40
"	The News Niles Center,Ill.	Niles Center,Ill.	6/8/40
"	Wieboldt's Ashland near Madison,Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/8/40
"	House of Representatives, U.S. Hon.Hamilton Fish	Chicago,Ill.	6/12/40
"	L.B.Billingsly Mach. Co.4320 Main St. Dallas, Texas	Chicago,Ill.	6/13/40
"	Stuart, 6021 N.Cicero Ave. Chicago,Ill.	Evanston,Ill.	6/15/40
"	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.212 W. Washington,Chicago	Niles Center,Ill.	6/19/40
"	Niles Center Post [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
"	C.B.Hedstrom 6354-56 Belmont Ave. Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/20/40
"	The News	Niles Center	6/21/40
"	Mr.& Mrs.Paul Connelly,2343 W.Ainslie Av,Chicago,Ill.	Chicago,Ill.	6/24/40

Addressee	Addressor	Postmark	Date
Ernest Scharf	Public Service Company	Niles Center,Ill.	6/26/40
"	No return address	Chicago, Ill.	6/26/40
"	The News	Niles Center,Ill.	6/23/40
"	Postcard	Ludington,Mich.	6/23/40
"	German Library of Information, 17 Battery Place	New York,N.Y.	6/23/40
"	German Library of Information, 17 Battery Place	New York, N.Y.	7/ 1/40
"	The News	Niles Center,Ill.	7/ 5/40
"	German-American National Alliance P.O.Box 402	Morton Grove,Ill.	7/ 8/40

The following telephone calls were made from Niles Center 145 which is listed to DeLuxe Cleaners, Niles Center, Illinois during May 1940:

5/4/40 Call to Niles Center 145
5/4/40 " " Desplaines 550
5/6/40 " " Desplaines 550
5/17/40 " " Niles Center 3070
5/26/40 " " Niles Center 3070

The following telephone calls were made from Niles Center 145 which is listed to DeLuxe Cleaners, Niles Center,Illinois during May 1940:

5/1/40 Graceland 6700
5/1/40 Keystone 9042
5/2/40 University 3440
5/3/40 Independence 5693
5/4/40 Greenleaf 1190
5/4/40 Andover 1931
5/4/40 Newcastle 3394
5/4/40 Palisade 6519
5/5/40 Independence 5693
5/6/40 Harrison 7100
5/7/40 Newcastle 4901
5/7/40 Briargate 9648
5/7/40 DesPlaines 54
5/7/40 Wellington 1907
5/8/40 Davis 7810
5/8/40 Keystone 9042
5/8/40 Sunnyside 3500
5/8/40 Sunnyside 3500
5/8/40 Keystone 9042
5/11/40 Newcastle 3394
5/11/40 Keystone 9042
5/13/40 Glenview 70
5/13/40 Columbus 0094
5/14/40 Briargate 1500
5/14/40 Keystone 9042
5/14/40 Keystone 9042
[illegible]
[illegible]
5/16/40 Davis 1000
5/16/40 Wellington 4891
5/16/40 Rogers Park 4600
5/17/40 Greenleaf 6363
5/18/40 Keystone 9042
5/18/40 Longbeach 6516
5/18/40 Greenleaf 6640
5/18/40 Palisade 6539
5/18/40 Greenleaf 6363
5/18/40 Palisade 6519
5/20/40 Glenview 350
5/20/40 Irving 5092
5/20/40 Irving 0056
5/20/40 Irving 1092

5/20/40 Ardmore 0319
5/21/40 Belmont 0475
5/21/40 Sunnyside 3500
5/22/40 Graceland 4640
5/24/40 Greenleaf 1190

In line with recent conferences with peace officers relative to national defense matters, by letter dated August 27, 1940 Sheriff THOMAS E. KENNEDY, Lake County, Waukegan,Illinois was requested to conduct discreet investigation regarding WILLIAM L. WINNECKE and some of his associates, at his new farm at 000 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest,Illinois, to definitely establish whether WINNECKE has moved completely from his old farm at Wilburn, Ill. to his new farm at Lake Forest, and whether he maintains dynamite and rifles at either farm, and the purpose of these articles, and further whether he drills pro-Germans at either farm.

The lead set forth in reference report to determine the name of the person called Otto who is working for WILLIAM NICKAL, and his connection with the WINNECKE group at Lake Forest,Illinois is being disregarded inasmuch as it is not believed anything of value could be learned by this investigation, as it does not appear from the file that he has any connection with instant case.

[redacted]

[redacted] mine the business of [redacted] in mind that he might be connected with subjects of this case.

For the information of the Springfield office WILLIAM L. WINNECKE is the reputed secretary of the Nazi Bund and has been active in anti-Semitic organizations, and drilling activities have been noted on the WINNECKE farm, as well as Nazi emblems, firearms,etc.

CHICAGO OFFICE: * At Niles Center,Illinois will conduct discreet investigation as to [redacted] at the DeLuxe Cleaners, 4037 Louise Avenue.

* At Chicago,Illinois will interview WYATT KELLY 5514 Indiana Avenue, telephone Englewood 7033, for information he has concerning [illegible]'s activities while at the Milburn farm.

* By discreet investigation will attempt to learn something about VICIA LANZINI at 511 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0805,keeping in mind that she might be a friend of subject and also, what [illegible] said.

* Will determine the identity of SAM DELVECCHIO 1023 South Halsted Street, phone Haymarket 0825. This is the phone number of [illegible] and VICIA LANZINI.

* Will keep in contact with HARRY KRAMARS,717 North Dearborn Street, telephone Delaware 9740.

* At the Monroe Cleaners and the North Side Cleaners and Dyers will discreetly ascertain the background of [illegible].

* Will determine the occupant of Room 452, 179 South LaSalle Street, keeping in mind that a letter bearing this return address was sent to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], 600 Sheridan Road, Lake Forest,Illinois.

[illegible] the results of [illegible] contacted by Sheriff [illegible] County, [illegible].

PENDING

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 27, 1940

Thomas E.Kennedy
Sheriff,Lake County
Waukegan,Illinois

PERSONAL AND [redacted]

Dear Sheriff:

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As you probably know Wernecke is reputed to be Secretary of the Nazi Bund in Chicago and is well known for his anti-Semitic activities. Pro-German groups reputedly formerly met at his farm near Milburn,Illinois where they drilled on foot and horseback. There was reported to be a considerable quantity of dynamite and rifles located on this farm. Last spring Wernecke was alleged to have moved to a new farm at 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. Information indicates that the following persons reside on the farm at 600 Waukegan Road:

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Mrs. H.Thurber
Mr. and Mrs. Richard B.Harrison
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B.Upham,Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Elting

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Sheriff Waukegan,Ill. 8/27/40 Re: Wernecke

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It is suggested that the sources from which you obtain the aforementioned information be indicated in your reply.

For your convenience in replying I am enclosing herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

With kindest personal regards I am,

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,

Special Agent in Charge

Enc.
RSG:JMS
65-582

THOMAS E. KENNEDY
SHERIFF

WALTER L. ATKINSON
CHIEF DEPUTY

OFFICE OF SHERIFF
STATE OF ILLINOIS
LAKE COUNTY
WAUKEGAN, ILL.

In Replying Give Our Reference {NO. / INITIAL TEK

August
29th
1940

Mr. W.S. Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Devereaux

Reference your letter of August 27th regarding WILLIAM L. WERNECKE and his associates who is reported to have moved to a new farm at 600 Waukegan Road, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS.

I will obtain the information as to whether he has moved completely from his farm at MILBURN and can furnish other information.

However, as the new address of 600 Waukegan Road is in the incorporated limits of the City of Lake Forest, I would suggest if you have not already done so to send copy of the same letter to Chief of Police Frank Tiffany at Lake Forest and we will work together on it as he already has some information on this subject, I am,

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Kennedy
SHERIFF NPA

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65-582-52
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 30 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THOMAS E. KENNEDY, SHERIFF, LAKE COUNTY
COUNTY BUILDING, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

Chicago, Illinois
August 20, 1940

Starr's application in Bund
Ormen in
61-166 - Serial 100

Ad-Mimeographs
Coll-no.5077
R. A. no. 1067
A. T. no. 232
T. S. no. 92
S. I. no. 97

Attention: Mr. Daniel J. Conorty,
Chief Field Deputy.

The undersigned wishes to submit the following information contained within- first, that a Mr. William L. Wernecke, who has several addresses is the Chicago head of the Knight of the White Camelias and the Gauleiter of the White Shirts, whose Grand Leader is Mr. George W. Christian whose headquarters are at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Wernecke showed the undersigned his card of membership with the White Camelias and boasted that the Jews were his main hate. This man is an organizer of subversive societies,he has a mailing address: Box 3620, at Merchandise Mart station, Chicago, Illinois where he mails out and receives his instruction from his grandleaders of the several societies which he represents. Also, this man Wernecke directs and heads the Dread Gentile Youth Association whose activities consist in blackmailing and frightening the Jewish and Catholic people. Several attempts to work havoc have been committed. The window smashing of Goldblatt's Store; the pasting of circulard on windows warning both Catholic and Jewish people that their day was coming. Windows in several towns, Brookfield, Ill., Oak Park, Ill. and Evanston, Ill. have been smeared. They do not stop at window smearing but pass out bills and auto stickers with the same warning. Now Wernecke has a lieutenant who leads in this work, his name is Richard Starr of 5714 West Byron Street, Chicago, although he claims to be out of work, yet is able to make trips to Palm Beach, Florida (see attached newspaper item #1) this shows Richard (Dick) Starr's photograph of a submarine snapped off Palm Beach, Florida. Three months before he went to Florida, the undersigned had Mr. Starr in this office. He was poorly dressed and said he was broke, but from the above, the trips bespeak otherwise. The undersigned saw Richard Starr in conversation with William Wernecke and together at Bund meeting at 3855 N. Western Avenue, Now Richard Starr is a fully paid member of the German American Bund the same as Wernecke is and he is supposed to be a drill leader for the bund. On Wernecke's farm at Wadsworth, Illinois rifle practice is held several times a month and Richard Starr told me when I had him in our office that he thought it was a shame that he wasn't allowed to wear uniform as the new U. S. law had knocked that out and he told me that 'by God he would belong to any outfit he wanted' as he claimed that he was an Irishman that couldn't be held back.

William Wernecke has strong support from a Dr. Walter Pennigsdorf, a dentist who lives at 5300 Lieb Avenue, Chicago, Ill. His home is used sometimes for a meeting place to plan their various crimes. Also another lieutenant is Fred Pokorny of 3832 Janssen, Chicago, Illinois. Pokorny was arrested in the Goldblatt window smashing in October, 1939. He is an active leader of the Young Gentile Society of America. He is always armed. At the time of his arrest for the Goldblatt affiar, his room was searched and a revolver was found. He is considered a dangerous man,who helps put over atrocities on the Jewish people.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Re: Information relating to espionage, counter espionage, and sabotage.

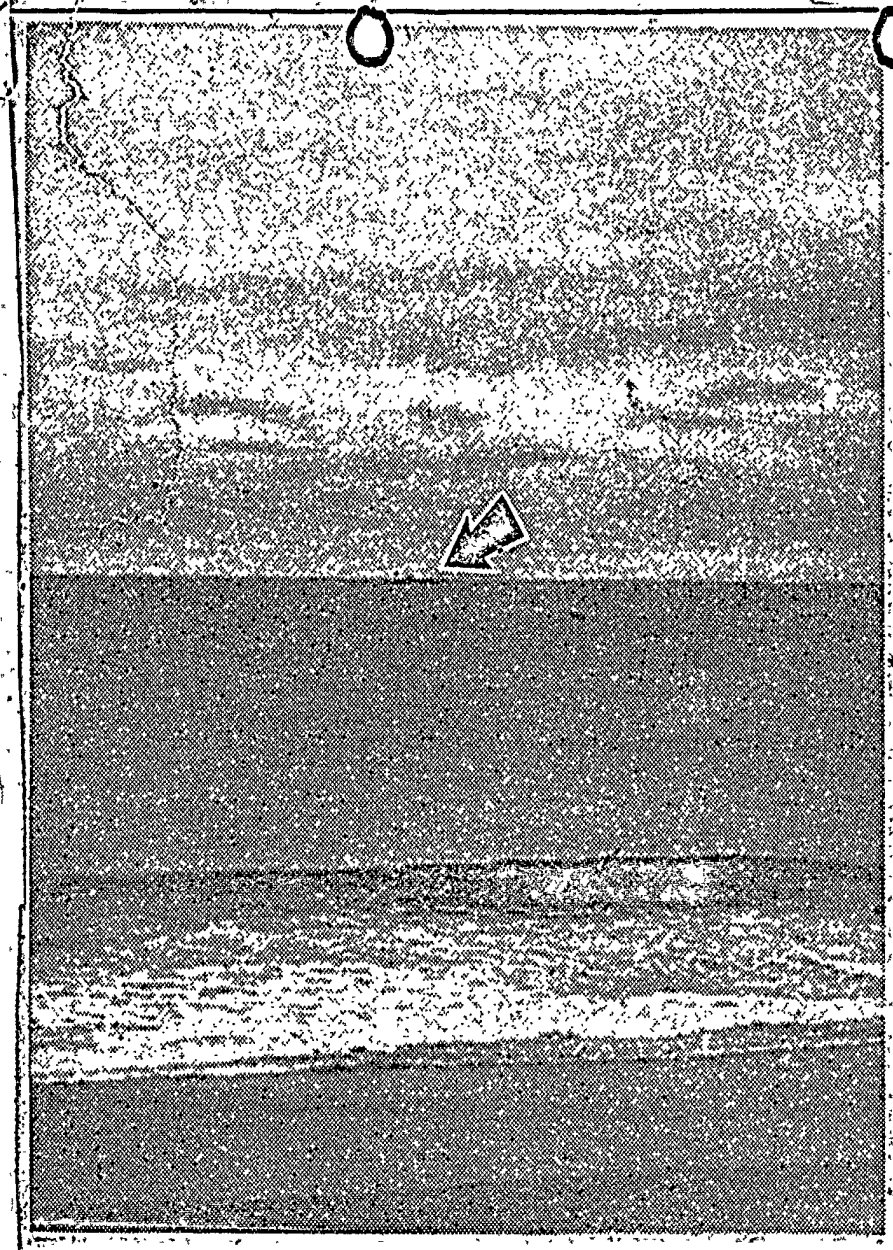
In reality, he along with Wernecke, Starr and Penningsdorf allbelong to the German American Bund and get their orders from this source, the German American Bund at 3855 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. Mr. William Wernecke has an office at 30 N. LaSalle under his own name; another office at the Merchandise Mart Bldg., and a mailing address there under P. O. Box #3620, Merchandise Mart Building, and an office at his farm home at Wadsworth, Ill. Mr. Wernecke is well supplied with money, because this man Starr told me he could always get a loan from his friend Wernecke.

In the same year as the Goldblatt incident on Tuesday December 12, 1939 a protest meeting instigated by this Wernecke and held under the auspices of the f Friends of Father Coughlin (Chicago Post #49) to help raise funds for those arrested in the Goldblatt affair (attached is hand bill item #2). Starr told me it was divvicult to hold meetings in the city but his friend Wernecke had a dandy place (his farm) where no pooping toms could see. So I said you drill and practice rifle shooting and he said yes, just to keep in practice. I asked him why, and he said wouldn't you and the Department of Justice like to know. Starr has been making a lot of trAINtrips to the South and several to New York-according to the papers he really travels a lot. Another thing about William Wernecke is the fact that when any subversive society needs guards he and the bund leader Otto Willumeit furnish them from the various trained units of these subversive societies witness the meeting of the German American Alliance at the Lincoln Turner Hall, Chicago, Illinois when Paul A. F. Warnholz, their president spoke he was heavily guarded by eight husky young Germans dressed in uniforms of Storm Troopers but who apparently did not carry any arms, however each carried a revolver concealed. These armed guards are furnished directly by the German American Bund working along with Wernecke. This German American Alliance leaders such as Ernest Ten Eicken past president, and one of its origional incorporators Homer H. Maertz, both belong to the German American Bund, and Maertz also belongs to the Silver Shirts and is a co-worker for all German subversive activities. He was arrested in the Goldblatt affair in 1939. Homer H. Maertz holds a position with the International Harvester, Chicago, Illinois. A suburban leader on the south side is John Scholl, Jr. whose home is 5013 S. Throop Street. He works for a relative who operated the Scholl Dairy on the same street-South Throop St. John Scholl hates this country according to what he told me and Mr. Dan Harris of Social Security Division here when he was in our office on an investigation. He told us that his outfit was well drilled but only for the fun of it, but the undersigned saw him come out of Wernecke's office at 30 North LaSalle Street. Therefore I am submitting this for your disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank E. Northcutt

Frank E. Northcutt,
Deputy Collector.



'Shoots' sub... with camera—

That blot on the horizon (arrow) isn't a sandbar, but an honest-to-goodness submarine. So says Dick Starr, 32-year-old Chicago carpenter, who snapped photo while fishing off Palm Beach, Fla., last Monday. "Place is lousy with subs," he says.

(UPI Photo)

F.E.B.

Dick Starr—a short engineer
Put a short circuit Bernard
quota Sub!
for Sauerkraut
Trump finds!
the Nazi's

Washington, D. C.

SIR:

On, Deputy Collector
(Date)

secured from
(Name of taxpayer) (Address—Street, city, and State)

who is engaged in the business

amended / delinquent * tax return on Form No.

showing liability under Section, Act of 19....., as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Period of Liability	TAX			Penalty	Penalty	6% interest	Offer in compromise	Total
	Total due	Originally paid	Additional due					
TOTAL,								$

Remittance covering as shown above was received in the sum of $.....

The balance, covering, is reported

for assessment in the sum of $.....

The Deputy Collector above named reports that the taxpayers failure to file a (correct*) return was due to:

(If more space is required, use reverse side or attach supplemental statement)

I THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Respectfully,

.....
Collector.

Prepared by....., *Chief-Field Deputy.*

(To be filled in by Collector)

This entry appears on the, 193.... list, page, line.....

O—U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

*Indicate nature of tax by striking out word that does not apply.

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PROTEST DEFENSE MASS MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 1939

at 8 P.M.

LINK'S HALL - 3435 N. SHEFFIELD AVE.

HELP FREE IMPRISONED PATRIOTS!

Five followers of Rev. Father Charles Coughlin, Jailed in Goldblatt Frameup!

1.—Douglas Campbell
2.—Fred Porkorney
3.—Dr. H. H. Maerz
4.—George Heppner
5.—Joseph Schimpf of 1525 N. Claremont Ave., a member of the (Holy Name Society)

These men were Savagely and Brutally beaten into signing a "confession" that they destroyed Goldblatt's Dept. Store Property.

Mr. Heppner suffered a broken ear drum and many body bruises

STAND TOGETHER—Save these Persecuted Christians from being railroaded — Stop the Frameup!

Jews Are Persecuting Christians —

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

COME AND HEAR THE FOLLOWING PROMINENT SPEAKERS:

1.—Rev. Burton Hasting of Detroit, Mich.
2.—Father Sullivan of New York
3.—Thomas Gust of Albania
4.—Frances Parker of University of Virginia, Noted Intern'l Law Authority.
5.—Raymond Joseph Healy of New York and Miami
Author, Writer, Lecturer, Editor

This meeting held under the auspices of the

FRIENDS Of Rev. FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN

(Chicago Post No. 49)

Loyalty Small charge will be made to cover expenses ***Courage***

Apartment 204
50 State St.

CFD:DJC

August 28, 1940

Mr. W. S. Devereaux, Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Room 1900 - 105 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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Report is being forwarded for your information and whatever investigation you may deem advisable.

Yours very truly,

Enclosure (1)
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Nigel D. Campbell,
Deputy Collector in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 30 1940
U. S. Department of Justice
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
FIRST DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, ILL.

IN REPLYING REFER TO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Deputy Collector in Charge.

Enclosure (1)

COUGHLIN DENIES CONNECTION WITH BUND MOVEMENT

Royal Oak, Mich., Aug. 26 [Special].—Father Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, today denied printed reports that linked him to the German-American bund in Chicago and to William Wernecke, a former member of that organization. The report said that department of justice agents were investigating a conference in which Wernecke talked with Father Coughlin here at the latter's invitation.

"The story is whole cloth," Coughlin said. "There is absolutely no truth in it. If such a man as Mr. Wernecke exists, I do not know it. If I have met him, he is just one of the thousands I meet each week at my church."

The story to which Father Coughlin referred said the government was scrutinizing a possible alliance between the bund, the Christian Front, anti-Semitic organization, and Father Coughlin.

"This is a fabrication of some anti-man mind," Coughlin said. "They say I am an anti-Semite; I say there are many of an anti-man turn of mind. I have no bund connections and neither do I have connections with the Christian Front. This was amply demonstrated in the trial of the 17 young men in New York."

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

G-men quiz Bund officer on link to Coughlin

William Wernecke, would-be Fuehrer of Chicago's anti-Semites, has been questioned by the department of justice about his connections with Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, it was learned today.

Basis of the inquiry apparently is an article by John L. Spivak, published Dec. 19, 1939, in The New Masses. Spivak quoted an informant who told of a conversation with Wernecke after a meeting of the German-American bund at the Haus Vaterland, 3854 N. Western av., on the night of Feb. 8, 1939.

BOASTS OF CONFERENCE

According to Spivak's story Wernecke boasted of having just come from a "very satisfactory conference" with Father Coughlin at Royal Oak, Mich., and displayed a letter on Father Coughlin's stationery setting the date and time of the conference.

"A man whose name sounded like Richards was with Father Coughlin," Spivak's informant declared. "In the course of our talk this man asked me when we were going to kill off 300 or 400 Chicago Jews. I told him that I hadn't thought of doing that just yet. Father Coughlin laughed and said, 'It needs doing.'"

Wernecke formerly was the Chicago leader of the Ordnung Dienst, storm troop organization of the Bund. He has been active in numerous anti-Semitic organizations and was one of the founders in April, 1939, of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, a group which turned out to have a letterhead and practically nothing else.

RAISE DEFENSE FUND

After the arrest and conviction of Dr. Homer Maerz and three others for breaking a Goldblatt department store window, Wernecke and others organized the Friends of Father Coughlin. This organization sponsored meetings to raise a defense fund for Maerz and his friends.

Wernecke has told his friends that he has been attempting to make Father Coughlin "take a definite stand" in regard to the anti-Semitic movement. He lives at 6250 Wayne and has a farm near Wadsworth, Ill., where members of his various groups reportedly have drilled and practiced shooting.

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CHICAGO DAILY TIMES

8-26-40

COUGHLIN GROUP LINKED TO BUND IN U. S. INQUIRY

G-Men Question Officer of German Unit on Parley with Radio Priest.

The Department of Justice today turned the spotlight of its scrutiny of subversive activities on what government agents described as "an apparent alliance" between the Nazi Bund and the Einheitsfront in Chicago, party of the first part, and Father Charles E. Coughlin's Christian Front and Social Justice Clubs, party of the second part.

This was learned from federal investigators who have been searching for the sources of revenue with which pro-Nazi propaganda programs in this country are financed over the radio, through literature and otherwise.

Investigators said the initial indication of a possible link between the groups arose when they learned the radio priest summoned William Wernecke, secretary of the Chicago chapter of the bund, to his office in Royal Oak, Mich., for a conference, details of which the government would not disclose, pending completion of its probe.

Witnesses, under oath, quoted Wernecke to the federal agents as declaring that "he had a satisfactory conference with Father Coughlin and he had been somewhat surprised at the length to which Father Coughlin had gone in the conference." Wernecke admitted the conference was held.

Witnesses Describe Link.

Further investigation, the agents revealed, showed that in Chicago members of the bund and the Einheitsfront also are members of the Christian Front and Social Justice Clubs.

Wernecke has been brought involuntarily before federal officials for an exhaustive examination of his bund activities in Chicago and a possible connection with Father Coughlin's organization. He is now the subject of constant federal surveillance.

Meanwhile, many witnesses, also appearing involuntarily, have informed the government of Wernecke's bund background and his activities in Chicago. They told the government that at a regular meeting of the bund here Wernecke disclosed that he had had the conference with Father Coughlin in the radio priest's office in Royal Oak.

They disclosed that when some doubt was expressed to Wernecke that Father Coughlin would meet with known Nazi representatives, Wernecke produced a letter written on Father Coughlin's private stationery and signed by the priest asking that Wernecke come to Royal Oak for the conference.

Discuss Killing Jews.

The witnesses further related to the Department of Justice investigators, it was disclosed, that Wernecke told them that in the presence of Father Coughlin and the priest's secretary a man whose name Wernecke remembered as "Richards" asked Wernecke when they "were going to kill off 300 or 400 of the Chicago Jews."

Wernecke told them, the witnesses related, that he replied they hadn't thought of doing that just yet and that Father Coughlin laughed and said, "However, it needs doing."

Federal sources said that in their investigation of Wernecke they found that in January, 1939, Wernecke was approached by the Ku Klux Klan to organize a large mass meeting in which Chicago anti-Jewish organizations—such as the bund, Silver Shirts, American Fascists, United States Unite and a gentile post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars—would participate.

'Klan More Active.'

In April, 1939, the sources said at a meeting in the Bismarck Hotel of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, at which nearly one half of those present were Coughlinites, a "Mr. Grainger" of the Ku Klux Klan informed the meeting that "the Klan is becoming more active."

In June, 1938, the federal source said, it seemed apparent to the Department of Justice that Wernecke's farm at Wadsworth, Ill., was being used by various organizations to drill men. Wernecke, they said, spent a great deal of time on the farm then.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
8-26-40

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

September 6, 1940

Frank Tiffany
Chief of Police
Lake Forest, Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir

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65-582-59

As I informed Sheriff Kennedy the information I wish to obtain concerning Wernecke and his associates is whether he has moved completely from his farm at Milburn, Illinois, to his new home at Lake Forest; if so, his activities and those of the aforementioned individuals at this latter farm; whether he definitely maintains dynamite and rifles at either farm, and if so the purpose of these articles; further whether he drills pro-German groups at either farm.

It is suggested that the sources of information from which you obtain the aforementioned information be indicated in your reply. In replying will you please refer to our file No. 65-582.

For your convenience in replying I am enclosing herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours

RSC:FB
65-582
Enc.

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

September 6, 1940

Thomas E. Kennedy
Sheriff
Lake County
Waukegan, Illinois

PERSONAL AND
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter dated August 29, 1940, I would like to advise that I have directed a letter to Chief of Police FRANK TIFFANY, Lake Forest, Illinois, setting forth the same information I transmitted to you by letter dated August 27, 1940. As you suggest both you and Chief Tiffany can probably work together and obtain good results inasmuch as you are both acquainted with William L. Wernecke and his activities in Milburn and Lake Forest, Illinois.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
Chicago, Illinois
September 4, 1940

Mr. Nigel D. Campbell,
Deputy Collector in Charge,
Office of the Collector,
Internal Revenue Service,
Treasury Department,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 28, 1940 with which communication you forwarded a report of Deputy Collector Frank E. Northcutt of your office, relative to William L. Wenecke and Richard Starr, members of the German American Bund.

I wish to assure you that your cooperation in forwarding this information to this office is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,
Special Agent in Charge

WSD:AO
65-582 — 61
cc - Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Chicago, Illinois FILE NO. 65-198

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Springfield, Illinois	9-6-40	8-21-40	H. C. MAYNOR :ZB

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, with alias; et al	ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. HARRIS, R.F.D. 905 Barton Street, Johnston City, Illinois, referred to in reference report is J. C. HARRIS, real estate agent who wrote subject WERNECKE in reference to selling him a farm, obtaining the name WERNECKE from a real estate bulletin known as BALDWIN BULLETIN, published at Baldwin, Wisconsin, but received no answer. HARRIS is an old man, now 70 years old, is an American citizen and in no way connected with subjects.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE Report of Special Agent A. J. MARCHESSAULT, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 8, 1940.

DETAILS AT JOHNSTON CITY, ILLINOIS

Interview was had with Chief of Police JOHN ARMES, who stated that the party who lived at 905 Barton Street was J. C. HARRIS, who is an old resident of Johnston City, is now about 70 years old and has been engaged in endeavoring to sell real estate for a number of years; that he is positive Mr. HARRIS is in no way connected with the subjects as he is highly respected and has never been engaged in anything of a shady character.

Due to the recommendation of Mr. HARRIS given by Chief of Police JOHN ARMES, agent deemed it advisable to conduct an open interview with Mr. HARRIS in order to determine how it happened that he wrote a card to subject WERNECKE.

Upon interview Mr. HARRIS stated that he most commonly signs his name as J. C. HARRIS but that he sometimes merely signs

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

65-582-62

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his name as C. HARRIS. He stated he was 70 years of age and when signing his name usually adds the letters R. E. which indicates Real Estate. He lives at 936 Benton Street.

When asked if he knew a man by the name of WERWICK he stated that he did not recall the name. He was then advised that he had evidently written a postal card to WERWICK and he then stated that he must be one of those to whom he had addressed a letter or card in reference to selling a farm.

He then looked through the directory of real estate brokers and did not find the name of WERWICK listed therein, and stated that he subscribes to a real estate bulletin and in this bulletin are listed the names and addresses of persons who are in the market for a farm.

Mr. HARRIS looked through the bulletin, known as BALDWIN's BULLETIN which is published in Baldwin, Wisconsin, each month, and under the heading "The following are in the market for a farm" appeared the name of WILLIAM WERWICK, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and after this name was a pencil check mark made by Mr. HARRIS, as well as after all the other names appearing in this rather lengthy list, which Mr. HARRIS stated indicated that he had addressed a letter or card to them stating that he had farms listed for sale in southern Illinois and requesting them to advise what kind of farm they were interested in.

He stated that he never heard from WERWICK in reply to his inquiry and no further communications were mailed to him.

It was apparent that Mr. HARRIS was telling the truth and that he knows nothing more of the subject.

RETURNED UPON COMPLETION

TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Prairie View, Ill
Sept. 12, 1940

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am sending some information concerning a William Wernecke, whom we were supposed to report on any mail addressed to him, during June.

We have had this week, postcard addressed to J. Misanice from him postmarked "Chamberlain, South Dakota", stating his intention of returning soon to see Misanice.

Hoping this information is of some help to you,

I am,

Sincerely,

Hanna Bastian P. M.

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September 13th, 1940

FROM: Thomas E. Kennedy, Sheriff, Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois.

TO: W.S. Devereaux, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Chicago, Illinois.

SUBJECT: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, 600 WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS.

Your Letter of August 27th, 1940.

1. HAS SUBJECT MOVED COMPLETELY FROM THE FARM AT MILBURN?

Subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE has moved completely from the farm at MILBURN, his horses, and what house furnishings he had to furnish just a small cottage that they maintained in the rear of the main dwelling situated on this farm.

2. HIS ACTIVITIES.

Subjects activities over a period of about three years from April 1937 until about April 1940 while on the farm near MILBURN, ILLINOIS was definitely associated with the GERMAN BUND, he made no effort to suppress the fact that he was associated and attended regular meetings in Chicago, and was instrumental in attempting to purchase a farm near LAKE VILLA, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS through a local real estate dealer for the GERMAN BUND (Further and more complete information in supplemental report attached.)

3. ACTIVITIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS AT THE LATTER FARM.

J. MISAVIC, Number one listed as the persons who reside on the farm at 600 WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS is the only one associated with WERNECKE and who was investigated as he has worked for WERNECKE and his daughter has worked for WERNECKE and is supposed to be keeping company with him and WERNECKE is supposed to have some stock on the MISAVIC farm, 1st place East of Illinois Route 54 on the South side of Illinois Route 22, Lake County, Illinois.

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The other persons who reside on this same farm all in seperate buildings have no association or connection with WERNECKE whatsoever and WERNECKE has no living quarters on the premises and does not reside there, but does have stables and horses there.

4. DOES HE DEFINITELY MAINTAIN DYNAMITE OR RIFLES AT EITHER FARM?

CHIEF OF POLICE FRANK TIFFANY, is conducting a further investigation on this matter, however, he has no further connection with the farm at MILBURN at present, and while he did have a considerable amount of dynamite, known as a case at one time and several dynamite caps, ten that were seen in a paper bag in addition to a small box containing possibly two dozen.

RIFLES.

As to the rifles and guns in the possession of WERNECKE, he was known to have a selection of various types of rifles and shot guns which was possibly thirty, and this was known to be a hobby and was supposed to be merely his personal collection. (Further and complete information in supplemental report attached.)

5. DOES HE DRILL PRO GERMAN GROUPS AT EITHER FARMS?

An investigation and interview with a former employee, a horse man, and other persons who were on the same premises was conducted and no one could definitely say that there had been any drilling either on foot or on horse back. (Further and complete information in supplemental report attached.)

There is no information that he has been drilling Pro German groups at the farm in LAKE FOREST, they would not have the necessary room and it would be impossible to conduct any of these drills at this farm.

The above information is relative to the request in your letter of August 27th, 1940 however, a considerable

amount of information has been obtained regarding the present activities of subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, and his associates which is outlined in the attached supplemental report.

Thomas E. Kennedy

RE: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

I have conducted a thorough, discreet and confidential investigation on the subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, relative to his activities since he has been in LAKE COUNTY, since about June 1936 and as far as can be developed he is supposed to have rented one of the INSULL farms on MILWAUKEE AVENUE, south of LIBERTYVILLE in LAKE COUNTY, through a CHICAGO bank and from there moved to a rented farm at CHANNEL LAKE near ANTIOCH in LAKE COUNTY, he moved from there to the farm near MILBURN in LAKE COUNTY in April of 1937. This farm is known as part of the MILBURN HUNT CLUB and they have a Club House on the farm that is used by the members of the Club which is anexclusive club, the members are wealthy people from LAKE FOREST and is used only during the months from August 1st to December 1st.

This farm is at present in the hands of, and in charge of a MR. GREELEY of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of CHICAGO.

When the subject first moved on to the farm he only used the barn and pastures for horses and a small building that was fixed up as living quarters for a so-called caretaker and his wife. Later subject fixed up another small cottage and subject would live in this cottage during the time he spent on the farm, which would be sometimes from Thursday until Monday and almost every week end. His mother would also stay there, as well as a woman and very close friend of subject known as MISS MONA MARSHAL, who is supposed to have died about a year ago.

MISS MARSHAL seemed to have an awful lot to say around the place, was described as being between thirty five and forty years old, attractive, and supposed to have been born in France, was formerly an actress. She was in the company of subject at all times.

I learned from a [redacted] of LAKE COUNTY, LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS that subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, always accompanied by a woman and three or four men were attempting to purchase his farm of approximately ninety acres and good buildings, situated near LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS in the Spring of 1938

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and that a real estate man named J.P. PLEIS Of LONG LAKE, P.O. INGLESIDE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS had accompanied subject and his associates to the farm to look it over.

I interviewed [redacted] Confidential informant who stated that it was about June of 1938 that MR. J.P. PLEIS the real estate man accompanied by subject and four or five men, all GERMANS and this woman started to come to his farm and look it over with the intentions of buying it.

After two or three trips subject told [redacted] that the place suited them, that it was just what they wanted, that they would have club rooms built, they were to have dormitories for large groups, they would have several horses, and camps and that they had their own plans as to the way they wanted things laid out, that it would be necessary to accommodate as high as two or three thousand people and if later they found they would not have enough room they would buy the place next to his.

They were very well pleased with the location and as this farm and property consists of a frontage on CEDAR LAKE, LAKE VILLA they were fascinated by the location and at one time they spent an hour looking at the lake.

One of the men who accompanied subject was reported to be a GERMAN newspaper man who printed the GERMAN BUND paper, the name not known, another was reported to be a Doctor, thought to be named OTTO, this being the first or last name not known, another of the men was reported to be an attorney for the BUND.

After they had made three or four trips and [redacted] knowing their connection with the BUND, as he later learned was definite, Subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE was reported to be the secretary, he became backward and did not want to sell his property to any such organization.

He was approached by the woman known as MISS MONA MARSHAL who used every effort to encourage him, and stated that it made no difference to him as long as he got the money, and the deal was being made through the real estate broker.

She had evidently learned that [redacted] was a Catholic and said "Why Hitler is a Catholic, I can show you a picture of him coming out of a Cathedral", she also said she had her passport and all arrangements made to get out of the Country

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as soon as the deal was made.

Of the several times these people came to the [redacted] FARM subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE was always with them and accompanied by this woman known as MONA MARSHAL, and sometimes it would be different men, and at times some of the same men would return.

On one of the occasions that they were at the farm there was an aeroplane and pilot who had been barn storming the country and was taking up passengers for rides, this seemed to interest these people very much, especially the fact that aeroplanes could land and take off on the farm.

I interviewed a young man named [redacted] of LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS, whose name was furnished to me as a former employee of subject by [redacted] who stated that he had worked for subject for about [redacted] months as [redacted] he stated that MISS MONA MARSHAL [redacted] issued all the orders around the place, that as far as any unusual activities he had seen nothing that would indicate any drilling of Pro GERMAN groups either on foot or horse back, but that subject did have several horses and that several different people would come out there week ends and ride, that he did not know any of them, but one of them was reported to be a disbarred or retired Judge from Chicago and his wife BETTY and a heavy set blonde daughter about twenty years old, and that he thought that the mother MRS. WERNECKE, of subject, was keeping company with a supposed bailiff from one of the courts of CHICAGO.

He also stated that subject had a collection of twenty five or more various types of guns, rifles and shot guns, but that he made no effort to conceal them. That he had not seen any quantity of dynamite on the premises.

He said he suspected something may be wrong or something going on that may not be right as they would never allow the place to be left alone. That they always had several vicious dogs around the place, one a large police dog they called BISMARK.

[redacted] confidential informant stated that he often wondered why they cleaned out the upstairs of a large wing of the barn that extended to the West and that what made

him think of that was the fact that he was asked if he knew of any drilling on foot of any Pro GERMAN groups. I inspected that part of the barn where he mentioned and found that it was completely cleaned out and was a large well ventilated room and could have been used for that purpose, and I noticed an unusual thing, that the door leading from this wing to the main loft of the barn was covered with tar paper and a very substantial door, having been on the inside of the barn and not exposed to the natural elements.

I interviewed confidential informant [redacted] who stated that subject and four men and a woman known as MISS MONA MARSHAL, first called on him in June 1938 and stated they were interested in buying a farm and that they would want eighty or ninety acres with good buildings, and he said that he had the farm of [redacted] of LAKE VILLA listed for sale and that he took this group of people up to see [redacted] and the farm, he said they were well pleased with the location and the farm, and that he also showed them the farm of ANDY WOLF, SAND LAKE, GRAND AVENUE, near LAKE VILLA. This farm was not as suitable because it was right on the main highway of GRAND AVENUE and that they preferred the farm of [redacted] which was situated on a gravel road off of the main highway.

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[redacted] stated that they came to him on three or four occasions that they would make appointments, were very punctual, always on time by pre-arranged appointments, that some of these same people always with subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE and MISS MONA MARSHAL, but at times different other men would come, but there was always four or five in the party.

He said that one man was known as DR. OTTO, another was known as a printer and another as an attorney. He also stated that he is now and was then satisfied that they were definitely sincere and wanted to purchase [redacted] farm, that they were thoroughly satisfied with the property. He said they spoke of it being a cash deal that they had several thousand dollars worth of bonds that they had to convert to cash, incidently, the amount involved and the price wanted for the [redacted] farm was Forty Five Thousand Dollars.

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MR. PLEIS further stated that he went to the GERMAN BUND Headquarters in CHICAGO as they had requested and that he took in a set of pictures of the [redacted] farm. That he went to the office which was situated on North WESTERN AVENUE, he thinks in the 3800 block that it was upstairs over a tavern that there were offices in the front and living quarters in the rear, that there were two girls working in the office and it was known as the GERMAN BUND HEADQUARTERS, that he was to wait there and meet with FRITZ KUHN the BUND leader in AMERICA and at this time he learned that subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE was secretary to the BUND, and that FRITZ KUHN was coming from NEW YORK to make some definite arrangements for the purchase of this property, the reason they gave for him not being able to be present, they referred to newspaper articles which were head lines at that time of some BUND meeting that was broke up and ended in a riot. He stated that when he saw the type of Organization that he was doing business with he was pleased that the deal did not go through that he got his pictures back, left and never returned.

He was supposed to call them later. He stated that one of the men that called at the farm with WERNECKE he had recognized his picture in the CHICAGO papers about a year ago during some trouble regarding the GERMAN BUND.

I interviewed confidential informant a [redacted] (colored) who is at present [redacted] in the Club House of the MILBURN HUNT CLUB, this building situated on the farm that subject formerly rented and was in the employ of the Club at this location all of the time that subject was a tenant. He is there from August 1st to December 1st each year and lives at 5514 INDIANA AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Telephone Number Englewood 7063.

He stated that subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE moved on to the farm about April 1937. He stated that he was familiar with the activities of subject while he lived on the farm. He said that as time went on and he became more familiar with the subject and all of the people living on the premises that the subject made no effort to suppress any of his activities with the GERMAN BUND, that he as well as some of the employees would talk about the meetings in CHICAGO and that they knew that subject would not be out on Wednesday or Wednesday nights as this was the night that the BUND would meet in CHICAGO. He said that he could not state that there was at any time any drilling of PRO GERMAN groups either on foot or on horse back but that several people came out to ride horse back and especially on week ends.

He said that a Judge from CHICAGO and his wife and a stout blonde daughter about eighteen or twenty years old would come out and ride on Sundays.

He also said that he thought the name of another man who would come out to the place was a military man a COL. BLACK an elderly man who stated that he did not like GENERAL PERSHING, was an ex United States Army or National Guard Officer, and that he evidently had no income and was forcibly retired without a pension and stated that some one high up had him retired about two years ago or more.

He said there was a woman there who seemed to be the boss known as MONA MARSHAL, she would accompany subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE most of the time on all of his trips and used to remark that she was going into CHICAGO to the BUND meeting on Wednesday nights.

He said that she was supposed to be dead, for about a year now, that her death was sudden and at the time was questionable. He said she was French, and a former actress, but that he doubted this as he was told she was a former house maid at a North Side Hotel in Chicago, but that she could speak, read and write GERMAN. He said that another young woman sort of came into the picture about a year ago, and that this woman is at present keeping company with subject and supposed to be working for him, she is reported to be known as MARCELLA.

The J. MISAVIC named as one of the persons living on the farm at 600 WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, and mentioned in Paragraph #3 in the general report may be the father of this girl, as this man lives on a farm on Route Illinois 22 on the first farm East of Illinois Route 54 on the South side of the Road. He has a daughter about twenty years old who is reported to be working for subject.

He is also reported to have some of the stock of subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE on his farm.

[redacted] confidential informant further stated that he [redacted] in the Club House at one time and it contained what he later learned was dynamite caps, he went out into the yard to the building occupied by ED. STROPE and his wife from CHICAGO who lived and worked there as caretakers and asked him what it was. STROPE told him they were dynamite caps and that they were very dangerous and

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said that was only a few and took him inside and opened a box and showed him a quantity, more then he had in the bag and also showed him a case of dynamite, incidentially in one of Informant [redacted] conversations with [redacted]

He also stated that subject did have a large collection of various guns, but he did not think this unusual as he made no effort to conceal them, and they were all different types and he was used to seeing several guns privately owned by Club Members he had previously worked for.

Informant [redacted] stated that subject could not read GERMAN, as he showed him a number of large GERMAN books at one time and stated that he could not read them. But that subject did have pamphlets and literature and was very much Anti Jew and would often state and name high up offices in the Government that were held by Jews.

He stated that MRS. WERNECKE, he knew definitely was working for the STANDARD OIL COMPANY, up until last year, and may still be employed there in the office, but that she may be under a different name.

He gave the name of a man who he said was closely connected with subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, his name is ERNIE SHARP, that he worked for the DeLUXE CLEANERS at NILES CENTER, ILLINOIS, he was on the farm in 1939, in a tent and would come out there, and when he did drive in and get out of his car that he and subject would salute each other and call out "HEIL HITLER".

He stated further that a man known as FRED, his last name sounded like KASTOK was a friend of the subject and was one of the men who threw a brick through GOLDBLATTS STORE window in CHICAGO, he was formerly employed as a clerk on some other job in the SHERMAN HOTEL, CHICAGO, and was let out. He said the employees at the HOTEL would know who he is, and that he blamed the JEWS at the SHERMAN HOTEL for loosing his job.

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When asked if he had seen any SWASTIKA emblems or any other emblems around the premises or picture of HITLER he stated that the only thing he had seen was in the club room that they had fixed up, that there was a large, apparently a banner draped around what he thought was a chest of drawers and it had a large black GERMAN cross on it.

Informant [redacted] stated that he was always afraid of the WERNECKES, MISS MARSHAL and ED. STROPE and his wife, the caretakers, and that he was afraid there would evidently be trouble and he had been in the employee of MR. AUSTIN NIBLACK of LAKE FOREST for the past fifteen years, that he did not like their attitude and that WERNECKE was very domineering and that the Club House which was but a very short distance from the cottage occupied by the WERNECKES was burglarized on more than one occasion and that at one time about twelve valuable Hunt pictures were missing, later they were returned and hid in the Club House in a mysterious way. And that on another occasion a table and some other articles were found in the possession of the WERNECKES that were missing from the Club House.

Informant [redacted] stated that he often wondered also why subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE in 1937 had three race horses entered in most of the tracks in the CHICAGO DISTRICT namely PRINCESS MELODY, LADY BUDDIE, since dead, and HIGH KILT, and that he saw these horses at Hawthorne track and talked to the trainer TRACY and that they had never won a race.

DEPUTY SHERIFF STANLEY M. CHRISTIAN who is at present employed in the office of the Sheriff of Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois had occasion to go to the farm on a dog bite complaint and it was the first occasion that anybody from this office had ever had to be on the premises and having some vague information as to the suspicion of these people he gained entrance to the WERNECKE cottage on the pretense of using the telephone to call the office, he did, and he seen on this occasion a picture of HITLER on the wall in the WERNECKE cottage draped with the SWASTIKA flag.

This investigation has been conducted discreetly and confidentially and the confidential informants and sources of information are as follows:

[redacted] (farmer) Hand due to Lake Villa 14 = X Ref 21 — 18 21
Lake Villa, Illinois,
Telephone Lake Villa 2281

[redacted] (filling station attendant)
Lake Villa, Illinois,
No telephone.

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[redacted]
Long Lake, Ingleside, Illinois
Telephone Round Lake 3222

[redacted]
At present and up until December 1st, 1940, located at Milburn Hunt Club, Club House, Milburn, Lake County, Illinois Telephone No. Lake Villa 2157

After December 1st, 1940 residence 5514 Indiana Ave. Chicago, Illinois, Telephone Englewood 7063.

Frank Tiffany,
Chief of Police,
Lake Forest, Illinois,
Telephone Lake Forest 2020

Stanley M. Christian,
Deputy Sheriff,
Sheriff's Office, Lake County,
Waukegan, Illinois,
Telephone Majestic 1856
Residence 1504 Cornelia Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois,
Telephone Majestic 2931

Several other persons were contacted in the course of this investigation that were unaware of any investigation, and were unable to furnish any information of any value and several contacts are at present being utilized, and there is much to be learned of subjects activities in Lake County if you require additional information.

I am investigating further to determine the connection of [redacted] also known as [redacted] who has been around Prairie View, Lake County, Illinois four or five years and formerly from NORTH CHICAGO or WAUKEGAN who is reported to have stock on his farm belonging to subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE. And the daughter who is supposed to work for WARNECKE.

I am also keeping in close contact with Chief of Police Frank Tiffany of Lake Forest in an attempt to develope further information.

Thomas E. Kennedy.

THOMAS E. KENNEDY
SHERIFF

WALTER L. ATKINSON
CHIEF DEPUTY

OFFICE OF SHERIFF
STATE OF ILLINOIS
LAKE COUNTY
WAUKEGAN, ILL.

In Replying Give Our Reference { NO. ____ INITIAL TEK

September
13th
1940.

Mr. W.S. Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
~~Post Office Box 812~~
Chicago, Illinois

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE

Dear Mr. Devereaux

With further reference your letter of August 27th, regarding above named subject, I have attached original and two copies of my report on the information you requested in sequence, as well as original and two copies of a supplemental report.

I can assure you this information has been obtained discreetly and confidentially.

With my continued cooperation at all times, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Kennedy.

SHERIFF NPA 14

Enclosures.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

September 16, 1940

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Thomas E. Konnedy, Sheriff
Lake County,
Waukegan, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 13, 1940 enclosing the results of your investigation relative to William L. Wernecke. It is a very thorough, complete and excellent report, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts in this matter. As you know the Bureau is vitally interested in Wernecke, his activities and his associates, and I wish you would be so kind as to furnish us any additional information you may receive concerning him in the future.

Please be assured of our co-operation at all times.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,
Special Agent in Charge.

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City of Lake Forest
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lake Forest, Illinois

Sept. 18, 1940

Mr. Wm. S. Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago Ill.

Your File #65-582

Dear Sir:

With reference to Werneke, 600 Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest Ill. No activity there, Werneke away at camp, location unknown, Herbert Liehr, caretaker. Liehr said camp was about 600 miles away.

Talked to Mr. Fugette regarding Mr. C. H. Morse, no information at present, but he said Schultz sold a camera to a man and he will try and get man's name.

Yours very truly

Frank Tiffany.

Chief of Police

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

September 25
1940

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Frank Tiffany
Chief of Police
Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 18, 1940, concerning information you have developed on William L. Wernecke.

Sheriff Thomas E. Kennedy, of Waukegan, Illinois, advises me that he is maintaining close contact with you in an endeavor to develop further information, and I shall be pleased to receive any additional information you can furnish concerning WERNECKE and his activities.

Please be assured of our cooperation at all times.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

September 25
1940

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Ted J. Heinz
Chief of Police
Niles Center, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with our recent conferences relative to national defense matters, I shall appreciate your conducting a discreet inquiry to develop information concerning ERNEST SCHARF, who works at the DeLuxe Cleaners, 4837 Louise Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, and is also believed to reside on the premises.

For your confidential information, SCHARF is very closely associated with WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, about whom you have undoubtedly heard considerable. WERNECKE is reputed to be secretary of a Nazi Bund in Chicago and is well known for his anti-Semitic activities. Pro-German groups are alleged to have met formerly at his farm in Milburn, Illinois, although since his removal to Lake Forest, Illinois, he has been away for some length of time in South Dakota.

The information I should like to obtain is: SCHARF'S background and history; his nationality or citizenship; whether he has a local criminal record; just what activities he is engaged in; the principles for which he stands and the nature of his remarks concerning the same; whether he is a member of any so-called un-American organization; the character and general reputation of his friends and associates; his standing in the community; the description and license plates of his automobile, if he owns one; et cetera.

It is suggested that the sources from which this information is obtained be indicated in your reply. If the information cannot be discreetly developed I shall appreciate your so informing me rather than conducting open inquiry.

For your convenience in replying I am enclosing herewith a self-addressed, franked envelope which requires no postage. In

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Letter to Ted J. Heinz, Chief of Police,
Niles Center, Illinois, September 25, 1940

replying please refer to our file number 65-582.

Your prompt cooperation and assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, alias "Hitler"; MARTHA C. WERNECKE, with aliases: Mrs. Wernecke, "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop"; ERNEST SCHARF, alias "Goering"; MARCELIA, alias "Mousie"; FRANZ; YACQUI	ESPIONAGE

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Sheriff THOMAS E. KENNEDY, of Waukegan, Illinois, reports WERNECKE has moved completely from farm at Milburn, Illinois, to new farm at Lake Forest, Illinois; that from 1937 till 1940 WERNECKE made no effort to conceal his association with Bund in Chicago. WERNECKE known to own about thirty rifles and shotguns as hobby. Not known whether WERNECKE drilled men on foot or on horseback at Milburn or Lake Forest. WERNECKE presently believed to be at Chamberlain, South Dakota.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 27, 1940.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.

By letter dated August 23, 1940, [redacted] Department, Chicago, transmitted a report of Deputy Collector FRANK E. NORTHCUTT regarding activities of WERNECKE. It is quoted below in full:

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"The undersigned wishes to submit the following information contained within- first, that a Mr. William L. Wernecke, who has several addresses is the Chicago head of the Knight of the White Camelias and the Gauleiter of the White Shirts, whose Grand Leader is Mr. George W. Christian whose headquarters are at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Wernecke showed the undersigned his card of membership with the White Camelias and boasted that the Jews were his main hate. This man is an organizer of subversive societies, he has a mailing address: Box 3620, at Merchandise Mart station, Chicago, Illinois where he mails out and receives his instruction from his grandleaders of the several societies which he represents. Also, this man Wernecke directs and heads the Dread Gentile Youth Association whose activities consist in blackmailing and frightening the Jewish and Catholic people. Several attempts to work havoc have been committed. The window smashing of Goldblatt's Store; the pasting of circulars on windows warning both Catholic and Jewish people that their day was coming. Windows in several towns, Brookfield, Ill., Oak Park, Ill. and Evanston, Ill. have been smeared. They do not stop at window smearing but pass out bills and auto stickers with the same warning. Now Wernecke has a lieutenant who leads in this work, his name is Richard Starr of 5714 West Byron Street, Chicago, although he claims to be out of work, yet is able to make trips to Palm Beach, Florida (see attached newspaper item #1) this shows Richard (Dick) Starr's photograph of a submarine snapped off Palm Beach, Florida. Three months before he went to Florida the undersigned had Mr. Starr in this office. He was poorly dressed and said he was broke, but from the above, the trips bespeak otherwise. The undersigned saw Richard Starr in [redacted] posed to be a drill leader for the bund. On Wernecke's farm at Wadsworth, Illinois rifle practice is held several times a month and Richard Starr told me when I had him in our office that he thought it was a shame that he wasn't allowed to wear uniform as the new U. S. law had knocked that out and he told me that 'by God he would belong to any outfit he wanted' as he claimed that he was an Irishman that couldn't be held back.

"William Wernecke has strong support from a Dr. Walter Pennigsdorf, a dentist who lives at 5300 Lieb Avenue, Chicago, Ill. His home is used sometimes for a meeting place to plan their various

crimes. Also another lieutenant is Fred Pokorny of 3832Janssen, Chicago, Illinois. Pokorny was arrested in the Goldblatt window smashing in October, 1939. He is an active leader of the Young Gentile Society of America. He is always armed. At the time of his arrest for the Goldblatt affair, his room was searched and a revolver was found. He is considered a dangerous man, who helps put over atrocities on the Jewish people. In reality, he along with Wernecke, Starr and Penningsdorf all belong to the German American Bund and get their orders from this source, the German American Bund at 3855 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. Mr. William Wernecke has an office at 30 N. LaSalle under his own name, another office at the Merchandise Mart Bldg. and a mailing address there under P. O. Box #3620, Merchandise Mart Building, and an office at his farm home at Wadsworth, Ill. Mr. Wernecke is well supplied with money, because this man Starr told me he could always get a loan from his friend Wernecke.

"In the same year as the Goldblatt incident on Tuesday December 12, 1939 a protest meeting instigated by this Wernecke and held under the auspices of the Friends of Father Coughlin (Chicago Post #49) to help raise funds for those arrested in the Goldblatt affair (attached is hand bill item #2). Starr told me it was difficult to hold meetings in the city but his friend Wernecke had a dandy place (his farm) where no peeping toms could see. So I said you drill and practice rifle shooting, and he said yes, just to keep in practice. I asked him why, and he said wouldn't you and the Department of Justice like to know. Starr has been making a lot of train trips to the South and several to New York-according to the papers he really travels a lot. Another thing about William Wernecke is the fact that when any subversive society needs guards he and the bund leader Otto Willumeit furnish them from the various trained units of these subversive societies witness the meeting of the German American Alliance at the Lincoln Turner Hall, Chicago, Illinois when Paul A. F. Warmholz, their president spoke he was heavily guarded by eight husky young Germans dressed in uniforms of Storm Troopers but who apparently did not carry any arms, however each carried a revolver concealed. These armed guards are furnished directly by the German American Bund working along with Wernecke. This German American Alliance leaders such as Ernest Ten

Ficken past president, and one of its original incorporators Homer H. Maertz, both belong to the German American Bund, and Maertz also belongs to the Silver Shirts and is a co-worker for all German subversive activities. He was arrested in the Goldblatt affair in 1939. Homer H. Maertz holds a position with the International Harvester, Chicago, Illinois. A suburban leader on the South side is John Scholl, Jr. whose home is 5613 S. Throop Street. He works for a relative who operated the Scholl Dairy on the same street-South Throop St. John Scholl hates this country according to what he told me and Mr. Dan Harris of Social Security Division here when he was in our office on an investigation. He told us that his outfit was well drilled but only for the fun of it, but the undersigned saw him come out of Wernecke's office at 30 North LaSalle Street. Therefore I am submitting this for your disposition."

In accordance with the request of the Chicago Office to investigate WERNECKE, his associates, and activities, by letter dated September 13, 1940, Sheriff THOMAS E. KENNEDY, NPA, Waukegan, Illinois, transmitted original and supplemental reports on the results of his investigation concerning WERNECKE. They are quoted below in full:

"September 13th, 1940

FROM: Thomas E. Kennedy, Sheriff, Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois.

TO: W. G. Lowrey, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Chicago, Illinois.

SUBJECT: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, 600 WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS.

Your Letter of August 27th, 1940.

1. HAS SUBJECT MOVED COMPLETELY FROM THE FARM AT MILBURN?

Subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE has moved completely from the farm at MILBURN, his horses, and what house furnishings

he had to furnish just a small cottage that they maintained in the rear of the main dwelling situated on this farm.

2. HIS ACTIVITIES.

Subjects activities over a period of about three years from April 1937 until about April 1940 while on the farm near MILBURN, ILLINOIS was definitely associated with the GERMAN BUND, he made no effort to suppress the fact that he was associated and attended regular meetings in Chicago, and was instrumental in attempting to purchase a farm near LAKE VILLA, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS through a local real estate dealer for the GERMAN BUND (Further and more complete information in supplemental report attached.)

3. ACTIVITIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS AT THE LATTER FARM.

J. MISAVIC, Number one listed as the persons who reside on the farm at 600 RANKLOAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS is the only one associated with [redacted] and who was investigated as he has worked for WERNECKE and his daughter has worked for WERNECKE and is supposed to be keeping company with him and WERNECKE is supposed to have some stock in the [redacted] farm, 1st place East of Illinois [redacted] 54 on the South side of [redacted] Illinois.

The other persons who reside on this same farm all in seperate buildings have no association or connection with WERNECKE whatsoever and WERNECKE has no living quarters on the premises and does not reside there, but does have stables and horses there.

4. DOES HE DEFINITELY MAINTAIN DYNAMITE OR RIFLES AT EITHER FARM?

CHIEF OF POLICE FRANK TIFFANY, is conducting a further investigation on this matter, however, he

has no further connection with the farm at MILBURN at present, and while he did have a considerable amount of dynamite, known as a case at one time and several dynamite caps, ten that were seen in a paper bag in addition to a small box containing possibly two dozen.

RIFLES.

As to the rifles and guns in the possession of WERNECKE, he was known to have a selection of various types of rifles and shot guns which was possibly thirty, and this was known to be a hobby and was supposed to be merely his personal collection. (Further and complete information in supplemental report attached.)

5. DOES HE DRILL PRO GERMAN GROUPS AT EITHER FARMS?

An investigation and interview with a former employee, a horse man, and other persons who were on the same premises was conducted and no one could definitely say that there had been any drilling either on foot or on horse back. (Further and complete information in supplemental report attached.)

There is no information that he has been drilling pro German groups at the farm in LAKE FOREST, they would not have the necessary room and it would be impossible to conduct any of these drills at this farm.

The above information is relative to the request in your letter of August 27th, 1940 however, a considerable amount of information has been obtained regarding the present activities of subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, and his associates which is outlined in the attached supplemental report.

(signed) THOMAS E. KENNEDY"

"RE: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

I have conducted a thorough, discreet and confidential investigation on the subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, relative to his activities since he has been in LAKE COUNTY, since about June 1936 and as far as can be developed he is supposed to have rented one of the INSULL farms on MILWAUKEE AVENUE, south of LIBERTYVILLE in LAKE COUNTY, through a CHICAGO bank and from there moved to a rented farm at CHANNEL LAKE near ANTIOCH in LAKE COUNTY, he moved from there to the farm near MILBURN in LAKE COUNTY in April of 1937. This farm is known as part of the MILBURN HUNT CLUB and they have a Club House on the farm that is used by the members of the Club which is an exclusive club, the members are wealthy people from LAKE FOREST and is used only during the months from August 1st to December 1st.

This farm is at present in in the hands of, and in charge of a Mr. GREELEY of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of CHICAGO.

When the subject first moved on to the farm he only used the barn and pastures for horses and a small building that was fixed up as living quarters for a so-called caretaker and his wife. Later subject fixed up another small cottage and subject would live in this cottage during the time he spent on the farm, which would be sometimes from Thursday until Monday and almost every week end. His mother would also stay there, as well as a woman and very close friend of subject known as MISS MONA MARSHAL, who is supposed to have died about a year ago.

MISS MARSHAL seemed to have an awful lot to say around the place, was described as being between thirty five and forty years old, attractive, and supposed to have been born in France, was formerly an actress. She was in the company of subject at all times.

I learned from a Mr. H. G. ATWELL of LAKE COUNTY, LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS that subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, always accompanied by a woman and three or four men were attempting to purchase his farm of approximately ninety acres and good buildings, situated near LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS in the Spring of 1938

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and that a real estate man named J. P. PLEIS of LONG LAKE, P.O. INGLESIDE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS had accompanied subject and his associates to the farm to look it over.

I interviewed [redacted] confidential informant who stated that it was about June of 1938 that MR. J. P. PLEIS the real estate man accompanied [redacted] four or five men, all GERMANS and this woman started to come [redacted] and look it over with the intentions of buying it.

After two or three trips [redacted] told [redacted] that the place suited them, that it was just what they wanted, that they would have club rooms built, they were to have dormitories for large groups, they would have several horses, and camps and that they had their own plans as to the way they wanted things laid out, that it would be necessary to accommodate as high as two or three thousand people and if later they found they would not have enough room they would buy the place next to his.

They were very well pleased with the location and as this farm and property consists of a frontage on CEDAR LAKE, LAKE VILLA they were fascinated by the location and at one time they spent an hour looking at the lake.

One of the men who accompanied subject was reported to be a German newspaper man who printed the GERMAN BUND paper, the name not known, another was reported to be a Doctor, thought to be named OTTO, this being the first or last name not known. another of the men was reported to be an attorney for the BUND.

After they had made three or four trips and [redacted] knowing their connection with the BUND, as he later learned was definite, Subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE was reported to be the secretary, he became backward and did not want to sell his property to any such organization.

He was approached by the woman known as MISS MONA MARSHAL who used every effort to encourage him, and stated that it made no difference to him as long as he got the money, and the deal was being made through the real estate broker.

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"She had evidently learned that [redacted] was a Catholic and said 'Why Hitler is a Catholic, I can show you a picture of him coming out of a Cathedral', she also said she had her passport and all arrangements made to get out of the Country as soon as the deal was made.

Of the several times these people came to the [redacted] subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE was always with them and accompanied by this woman known as MONA MARSHAL, and sometimes it would be different men, and at times some of the same men would return.

On one of the occasions that they were at the farm there was an aeroplane and pilot who had been barn storming the country and was taking up passengers for rides, this seemed to interest these people very much, especially the fact that aeroplanes could land and take off on the farm.

I interviewed a young man named WILLIAM MULHOLLAND of LAKE VILLA, ILLINOIS, whose name was furnished to me as a former employee of subject by [redacted] who stated that he had worked for subject for about six months as a horseman, he stated that MISS MONA MARSHAL was his boss and that she issued all the orders around the place, that as far as any unusual activities he had seen nothing that would indicate any drilling of Pro [illegible] groups either on foot or horse back, but that [illegible] have several horses and that several different people would come out there week ends and ride, that he did not know any of them, but one of them was reported to be a disbarred or retired Judge from Chicago and his wife BETTY and a heavy set blonde daughter about twenty years old, and that he thought that the mother MRS. WERNECKE, of subject, was keeping company with a supposed bailiff from one of the courts of CHICAGO.

He also stated that subject had a collection of twenty five or more various types of guns, rifles and shot guns, but that he made no effort to conceal them. That he had not seen any quantity of dynamite on the premises.

He said he suspected something may be wrong or something going on that may not be right as they would never allow the place to be left alone. That they always had several vicious dogs around the place, one a large police dog they called BISMARK.

[redacted] confidential informant stated that he often [redacted] cleaned out the upstairs of a large wing of the barn that extended to the West and that what made him think of that was the fact that he was asked if he knew of any drilling on foot of any Pro GERMAN groups. I inspected that part of the barn where he mentioned and found that it was completely cleaned out and was a large well ventilated room and could have been used for that purpose, and I noticed an unusual thing. [redacted]

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I interviewed confidential informant [redacted] stated that subject and four men and a woman known as MISS MONA MARSHAL, first called on him in [redacted] 1933 and stated they were interested in buying a farm and that they would want eighty or ninety acres with good buildings, and he said that he had the farm of [redacted] LAKE VILLA listed for sale and that he took this group of people to [redacted] and the farm, he said they were well pleased with the location and the farm, and that he also showed them the farm of ANDY WOLF, SAND LAKE, GRAND AVENUE, near LAKE VILLA. This farm was not as suitable because it was right on the main highway of GRAND AVENUE and that they preferred the farm of [redacted] which was situated on a gravel road off of the main highway.

[redacted] stated that they came to him on three or four occasions that they would make appointments, were very punctual, always on time by pre-arranged appointments, that some of these same people always with subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE and MISS MONA MARSHAL, but at times different other men would come, but there was always four or five in the party.

"He said that one man was known as DR. OTTO, another was known as a printer and another as an attorney. He also stated that he is now and was then satisfied that they were definitely sincere and wanted to purchase [redacted] farm, that they were thoroughly satisfied with the property. He said they spoke of it being a cash deal that they had several thousand dollars worth of bonds that they had to convert to cash, incidently, the amount involved and the price wanted for the [redacted] farm was Forty Five Thousand Dollars.

[redacted] further stated that he went to the GERMAN BUND Headquarters in CHICAGO as they had requested and that he took in a set of pictures of the [redacted] farm. That he went to the office which was situated on North WESTERN AVENUE, he thinks in the 3800 block that it was upstairs over a tavern that there were offices in the front and living quarters in the rear, that there were two girls working in the office and it was known as the GERMAN BUND HEADQUARTERS, that he was to wait there and meet with FRITZ KUHN the BUND leader in AMERICA and at this time he learned that subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE was secretary to the BUND, and that FRITZ KUHN was coming from NEW YORK to make some definite arrangements for the purchase of this property, the reason they gave for him not being able to be present, they referred to newspaper articles which were head lines at that time of some BUND meeting that was broke up and ended in a riot. He stated that when he saw the type of organization that he was doing business with he was pleased that the deal did not go through that he got his pictures back, left and never returned.

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He was supposed to call them later. He stated that one of the men that called at the farm with WERNECKE he had recognized his picture in the CHICAGO papers about a year ago during some trouble regarding the GERMAN BUND.

I interviewed confidential informant a [redacted] colored) who is at [redacted] the Club House of the MILBURN HUNT CLUB, this building situated on the farm that subject formerly rented and was in the employ of the Club at this location all of the time that subject was a tenant. He is there from August 1st to December 1st each year and lives at 5514 INDIANA AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Telephone Number Englewood 7063.

"He stated that subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE moved on to the farm about April 1937. He stated that he was familiar with the activities of subject while he lived on the farm. He said that as time went on and he became more familiar with the subject and all of the people living on the premises that the subject made no effort to suppress any of his activities with the GERMAN BUND, that he as well as some of the employees would talk about the meetings in CHICAGO and that they knew that subject would not be out on Wednesday or Wednesday nights as this was the night that the BUND would meet in CHICAGO. He said that he could not state that there was at any time any drilling of PRO GERMAN groups either on foot or on horse back but that several people came out to ride horse back and especially on week ends.

He said that a Judge from CHICAGO and his wife and a stout blonde daughter about eighteen or twenty years old would come out and ride on Sundays.

He also said that he thought the name of another man who would come out to the place was a military man a COL. BLACK an elderly man who stated that he did not like GENERAL PERSHING, was an ex United States Army or National Guard officer, and that he evidently had no income and was [illegible] retired without a pension and stated that some one high up had [illegible] about two years ago or more.

He said [illegible] a woman there who [illegible] to be the [illegible] known as MONA MARSHAL, [illegible] accompany subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE most of the time on all of his trips [illegible] to remark that she was going into CHICAGO to the BUND meeting on Wednesday nights.

He said that she was supposed to be dead, for about a year now, that her death was sudden and at the time was questionable. He said she was French, and a former actress, but that he doubted this as he was told she was a former house maid at a North Side Hotel in Chicago, but that she could speak, read and write GERMAN. He said that another young woman sort of came into the picture about a year ago, and that this woman is at present keeping company with subject and supposed to be working for him, she is reported to be known as MARCELLA.

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"The J. MISAVIC named as one of the persons living on the farm at 600 WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, and mentioned in Paragraph #3 in the general report may be the father of this girl, as this man lives on a farm on Route Illinois 22 on the first farm East of Illinois Route 54 on the South side of the Road. He has a daughter about twenty years old who is reported to be working for subject.

He is also reported to have some of the stock of subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE on his farm.

[redacted] confidential informant further stated that he [redacted] at one time and it contained what he later learned was [redacted]

of Informant [redacted] conversations with MRS. STROPE she told him she was working for the F.B.I.

He also stated that subject did have a large collection of various guns, but he did not think this unusual as he made no effort to conceal them, and they were all different types and he was used to seeing several guns privately owned by Club Members he had previously worked for.

Informant [redacted] stated that subject could not read GERMAN, as he showed him a number of large GERMAN books at one time and stated that he could not read them. But that subject did have pamphlets and literature and was very much Anti Jew and would often state and name high up offices in the Government that were held by Jews.

He stated that MRS. WERNECKE, he knew definitely was working for the STANDARD OIL COMPANY, up until last year, and may still be employed there in the office, but that she may be under a different name.

"He gave the name of a man who he said was closely connected with subject WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, his name is ERNIE SHARP, that he worked for the DeLUXE CLEANERS at NILES CENTER, ILLINOIS, he was on the farm in 1939, in a tent and would come out there, and when he did drive in and get out of his car that he and subject would salute each other and call out 'HEIL HITLER'.

He stated further that a man known as FRED, his last name sounded like KASTOK was a friend of the subject and was one of the men who threw a brick through GOLDBLATTS STORE window in CHICAGO, he was formerly employed as a clerk on some other job in the SHERMAN HOTEL, CHICAGO, and was let out. He said the employees at the HOTEL would know who he is, and that he blamed the JEWS at the SHERMAN HOTEL for loosing his job.

When asked if he had seen any SWASTIKA emblems or any other emblems around the premises or picture of HITLER he stated that the only thing he had seen was in the club room that they had fixed up, that there was a large, apparently a banner draped around what he thought was a chest of drawers and it had a large black GERMAN cross on it.

Informant [redacted] stated that he was always afraid of the WERNECKES, MISS MARSHAL and ED. STROPE and his wife, the caretakers, and that he was afraid there would evidently be trouble and he had been in the employee of Mr. [redacted] NIBLACK of LAKE FOREST for the past fifteen years, that he did not like their attitude and that WERNECKE was very domineering and that the Club House which was but a very short distance from the cottage occupied by the WERNECKES was burglarized on more than one occasion and that at one time about twelve valuable Hunt pictures were missing, later they were returned and hid in the Club House in a mysterious way. And that on another occasion a table and some other articles were found in the possession of the WERNECKES that were missing from the Club House.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SIOUX FALLS FIELD DIVISION

At Chamberlain, South Dakota, will conduct investigation as to Subject WERNECKE'S activities in this locality.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will report the results of investigation by the Chief of Police, Niles Center, Illinois (now Skokie), concerning ERNEST SCHARF.

Will likewise report further results of investigations being conducted by [redacted], RA, Waukegan, Illinois, and Chief of Police FRANK TIFFANY, Lake Forest, Illinois.

* Will interview WYATT KELLY, 5514 Indiana Avenue, telephone Englewood 7063, for information he has concerning WERNECKE'S activities while at the Milburn farm.

* Will ascertain the identity and activities of VIOLA IARSEN, 511 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0285, who is reported to be a friend of WERNECKE.

* Will keep in contact with HARRY KRAUSARE, 717 North Dearborn Street, telephone Delaware 9748.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: WASHINGTON D.C.

FBI CHICAGO OCTOBER 12,1940 11:55 PM CST GCW

DIRECTOR

WILLIAM L WERNECKE, WAS. ESPIONAGE. NEWS STORY RELATED TO BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY YESTERDAY APPEARED IN DAILY NEWS AND CHICAGO TIMES THIS DATE. FACTS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

October 12, 1940

Re: CLARENCE E. OTT, 4249 N. Winchester Ave.
German Activities in the U. S.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - W. S. DEVEREAUX

This will record a telephone conversation between the writer and the above mentioned subject on October 12, 1940 at 9:40 P.M. Ott called the field office and stated that a friend of his had seen the article concerning FBI interest in German Activities in the Saturday evening, Oct. 12 issue of the Chicago Daily Times and that this friend of his had called him and informed him that apparently the FBI was looking for him.

The writer inquired as to the reason this Bureau might be interested in Ott and he stated that according to the newspaper article he was supposed to have an arsenal. He stated that the only guns he has are the following:

1 22 calibre rifle
1 .16 gauge shot gun
1 .22 calibre pump rifle
1 model 1876 Springfield rifle used in the Spanish American War.
1 .22 calibre target pistol

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Ott advised that he is presently residing at 4249 N. Winchester Avenue and that he may be reached there by phoning Wellington 7742. He stated that he is working for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator and that his working hours are from 4:30 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. every day. To contact him during work he advised that one should call Humboldt 9941.

The files index disclosed that the only place Ott's name is mentioned is in file 61-166-(serials 99 & 100). Serial 100 is a letter from B. E. Sackett, SAC, New York advising the Chicago Field Division that agents in the New York Office had been given access to records of the German*American Bund and affiliated organizations which had been obtained by the Office of District Attorney THOMAS E DEWEY in connection with the prosecution of Fritz Kuhn. Certain applications for membership were observed and CLARENCE E. OTT, Chicago is one of the names listed. Serial 100 is an exhibit envelope and contains photostatic copies of such applications for membership. The writer found a copy of the application

of CLARENCE E. OTT and the same was replaced in Serial 100 envelope on top of the other photostatic copies.

Ott was advised that the writer had no knowledge concerning the newspaper article and also that the writer did not know whether he was wanted or not. He remarked that he would like to get the matter straightened out because he was afraid that the telephone company would not permit him to hold his job very long if such newspaper stories continued in the future.

The conversation was concluded with the statement by Ott that he believed he would call at the Chicago Field Office in the near future, probably on Monday, October 14, for the purpose of clearing up the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold C. Cook,
Special Agent.

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois
October 21,1940

Hon. William J. Campbell
United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated October 14, 1940, with which letter you transmitted a copy of transcript of testimony taken before the February term of the 1940 grand jury.

Very truly yours

W. A. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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October 13,1940.

IN RE:"TIMES".

Mr.William Devereaux,
Divisional Chief,F.B.I.,
Federal Building,
Chicago,Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the Times article,which you must have seen:"Move to raid drill ground of Pro-Nazis:"

This is about the most contemptible and lying piece of"smearing"tha I have ever seen,and my Attorneys have been instructed to proceed against the Times Publishing Company at once.

There is no arsenal in my home,nor has there ever been at any time. I am not,nor have I ever been,a member of the German-American Bund,nor th Silver Legion,moreover I have never attended any meeting of any sort that was held in their halls,or under their auspices,consequently,I resent this unwarranted smear and notoriety,and am going to take the proper steps to clear myself.In this connection,I am asking,and feel that,as a citizen and taxpayer of Chicago,I have a right to demand of you that you have the F.B. make a thorough investigation of the whole matter,and especially that you send your Operatives to make a thorough investigation and inspection of our premises.I ask this,partly because I have nothing at all to hide,partl to the end that the general public and my many associates may be officiall advised that this white man's home is not being used for other than legitimate purposes.Further than this,I feel that this sort of action would be for the best interests and safety of my property and family.After all,some anti-Nazi fanatic might read the Times slush and wander out here and dump a stink-bomb,or a dead cat on the premises,to say the least.I earnestly request,and sincerely hope,that you will act upon this at once.

My son,Richard(the man referred to in the article),is out of the city,but will be back this evening,and I am asking him to call upon you tomorrow,and go over the situation with you,in person.I am also asking him to deliver this letter to you.

yours respectfully,

Frank Starr.

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October 18, 1940

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On October 15, 1940, a telephone call was received from Mr. BROWN, who is an investigator connected with YARROW's office. He stated he is positive that WERNECKE and associates have an arsenal located at 3350 North Damen Avenue under the name Shooters Supply Company. This company is supposed to have a hardware license, #1302, and obtained this license in order that they might deal in firearms.

It is pointed out that in the past BROWN has been none too reliable and the information furnished by him should be taken with a grain of salt.

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A. H. JOHNSON
Asst. Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois
October 21, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

WILLIAM WERNECKE, with aliases; et al.
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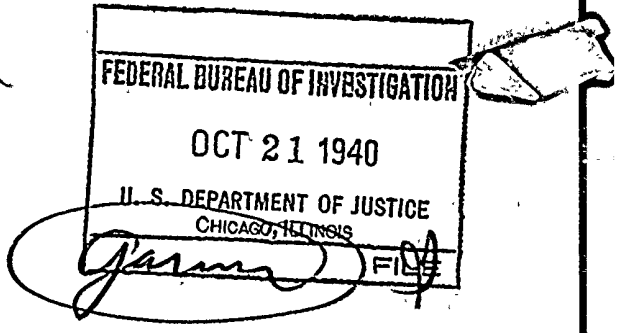
This is to advise that MR. CROWLEY, of the State's Attorney's office, informed that about ten months ago an informant called the State's Attorney's office and stated he had information to submit relative to WERNECKE and his associates. MR. CROWLEY does not recall the name of this individual but he does know that this individual is known to Captain EVANS of the United States Navy.

It is suggested that Captain ~~EVANS~~ Evans, Naval Reserve, Randolph St. Pier, Ch. 1238 be appropriately contacted in an effort to develop the name of this unknown informant in order that this informant can be interviewed for any pertinent information relative to this matter.

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Crowley supplied name of former State's Attorney Thomas, Lake County

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W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge



Chicago, Illinois
October 25, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RE: WILLIAM WERNECKE with aliases, et al

This is to record an interview had with WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, one of the subjects in this case, who appeared at the Chicago office on October 14, 1940.

Wernecke stated that he was calling in view of a newspaper article which appeared in the Sunday October 13, 1940 issue of the Daily Times, to the effect that the FBI was about to crack down on the German-American Bund and other German individuals in Chicago and vicinity. He said that he noted his name was mentioned therein as being one of the individuals whose activities and property were being scrutinized by the FBI, the States Attorney's office and the Chicago Police.

Agent recalls reading this particular article, which in substance contained everything Wernecke said appeared therein. In addition thereto it stated that Wernecke was supposed to have an arsenal on his farm at 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois, and that the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago office indicated that possibly Wernecke might have obtained some rifles by theft of a National Guard armory somewhere.

Wernecke said that for several years he has been persecuted by the Jews in Chicago, namely B'Nai B'Rith; that his position at the present time is almost untenable, and he feels he will have to leave Chicago permanently to escape this persecution. He said he personally does not hate the Jews, but thinks them un-American, and has always expressed himself openly in this respect. He stated that all the publicity given him in recent years is untrue, because he is a one hundred percent American, was born in Chicago, and his ancestors have been in this country since 1850. He said he is as much Scotch-Irish and English as he is German. Wernecke stated that he was

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in Chicago on January 21, 1907, and his full name is WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE; that he operates a real estate office in partnership with his mother MARTHA C. WERNECKE and his uncle WILLIAM LOUIS WERNECKE at 30 North LaSalle Street. He said his permanent address is 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He has a farm at 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois where he has fifteen horses as well as a collection of about twenty-five old rifles, pistols, blunderbusses, etc., which includes about ten comparatively new rifles which he bought from the United States War Department, inasmuch as the War Department sells obsolete guns to citizens who wish to purchase same. He has been a member of the National Rifle Association for many years, and several years ago contemplated organizing a rifle club with the prime purpose of being ready to combat the Communist revolution which he feels is inevitable. He said he has hoped as a true American that this group would form the nucleus of a group of Americans who would be ready when the Communists overthrew the United States Government and crippled the Army and Navy and police.

Wernecke stated that several years ago he endeavored to join the German-American Bund in Chicago but was never admitted to membership because Bund members do not trust him, believing that he is too good an American to be a good member. He said however he has attended numerous open meetings held at the Bund headquarters every Wednesday evening and has also attended luncheons and dinners at the Germania Club, and associated with leading German-Americans in and about Chicago. He said by reason of these activities and associations the Jews of Chicago probably think that he is a Nazi, whereas he is most decidedly not. He stated he would fight to the death a Nazi invasion of the United States and has no sympathy whatever for Hitler or Nazism. He said that only Nazism he believes in is American Nazism, which in essence is Americanism.

Continuing he stated that to get away from it all he went hunting for big game in the Louis-Clark National Forest in Montana on September 7, 1940 andreturned about October 10, 1940. He showed Agent some moose teeth and numerous photographs he had taken during his trip. He said accompanying him on this trip was one PETER BECKER who is employed as an engineer for the Goodman Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of mining equipment at Chicago.

He said Becker is an American born citizen, although of German ancestry.

He recalled the furore which arose only last November when a window in Goldblatt's Department store was smashed on Hallowe'en Day by members of the Silver Shirts. He said undoubtedly the participants in this window smashing had been inflamed by Bund literature and other anti-Semitic literature and he believed the Bund and the Silver Shirts should have assisted them in their prosecution by the States Attorney's office. He said neither the Bund nor the Silver Shirts did, so he felt it a moral duty to give them financial aid. According to Wernecke the participants in this window smashing were DOCTOR HOMER MAERZ, DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, FRED POKORNEY, HERBERT SCHINPF and FRED HEPPNER. He said that Schinpf and Heppner were acquitted and that Campbell is now serving a term in the reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois, while Pokorney served seven months in jail and is now out on bond. He said that Maerz while convicted, was released on bond and is now appealing the case. According to Wernecke, Maerz publishes a mimeographed newspaper called the Dispatch which is an anti-Semitic sheet. Pokorney is engaged in the restaurant business at Antioch, Illinois. Schinpf is a painter in Chicago, while Heppner is a janitor in an apartment house at Chicago and Milwaukee Avenues. Wernecke said that he loaned each of the abovementioned individuals about $100 and would have loaned them more if he were a richer man.

Wernecke said that his life and activities are an open book, and that any time an Agent of the Chicago office wishes to accompany him to either his home at 6250 Wayne Avenue, or his farm in Lake Forest, Illinois he would be willing to show him everything contained at any of these places. He said he would allow the Agent to examine his gun collections and any of his private papers. He said he was most anxious to allay any suspicions concerning himself.

During this interview Wernecke was allowed to do all the talking, and Agent divulged no information and made no commitments. He was advised that if the Chicago office at some future date wished to accept his invitation to examine his personal belongings and property he would be contacted. He thanked Agent for listening to him, and said that he has always known the FBI as being

fair with him, as contrasted with the States Attorney's office and the Chicago Police Department.

R. S. GARNER,

Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - W. S. DEVEREAUX

RE: WILLIAM WERNECKE

On the above date [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, contacted this office by telephone and stated that he had received information through one [redacted] who formerly resided at [redacted] and now believed to be residing in the vicinity of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, that WILLIAM WERNECKE had called [redacted] by telephone and [redacted]

Informant stated that he had worked for WERNECKE at one time at Wadsworth, Illinois, and that he had previously reported matters in connection with WERNECKE'S farm at Wadsworth to Special Agent LEE of this Office. He was of the opinion that perhaps this information about subject would be of some value to the Bureau. He mentioned that he would continue to contact this office whenever he came across information which he thought would be of value.

[redacted] also mentioned that he had previously worked at the LaSalle Plaza Hotel, 873 N. LaSalle Street, and that he had reported a MR. and MRS. KRUEGER who were staying at that hotel. He went on to say that he had learned that these individual had a personal picture of Hitler in their possession.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. OSTLING

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MEMORANDUM FOR W. S. DEVEREAUX,
THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Re: ERNEST SCHARF
File #65-582

This is to advise that on October 22, the writer contacted Chief of Police, J. TED HEINZ, of Niles Center, concerning his investigation in the above captioned matter, at which time Chief HEINZ stated that he had been unable to conduct an investigation such as he desired, due to the fact that SCHARF'S employer was HAROLD KLEHM, owner of the DeLuxe Cleaners at Niles Center, and was also the Village Clerk at Skokie (formerly known as Niles Center). He was, therefore, a little hesitant about contacting KLEHM until he had talked with a representative of this office.

Chief HEINZ was advised that under the circumstances it would be all right to contact Mr. KLEHM.

Chief HEINZ advised that a complete investigative report would be forwarded to the Chicago office not later than the end of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BURKE, Special Agent

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Chicago, Illinois
November 2, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE -- W. S.DEVEREAUX --

RE:: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
ET AL; ESPIONAGE

This is to record an interview had with RICHARD FRANK STARR, 5714 West Byron Street, Chicago, Ill. who appeared at the Chicago Office the evening of October 14, 1940 accompanied by CLARENCE EDWARD OTT, 4249 North Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill. Both STARR and OTT admit knowing WERNECKE for a period of several years. Both individuals appeared in the Chicago Office because of a newspaper article which appeared in the Sunday October 13, 1940 issue of the Chicago Daily Times to the effect that the F.B.I. together with the State's Attorney's Office and the Chicago Police Department was about to "crack down" on the German-American Bund, WERNECKE, STARR and OTT. STARR showed agent the newspaper clipping mentioned hereinbefore as well as photographs from the same newspaper of the homes of WERNECKE, STARR and OTT. Inasmuch as OTT telephonically communicated with Special Agent H. C. COOK on October 13, 1940 ~~and appeared in the Chicago Office for interview with Special Agent E. S. BLAKESLEY on the morning of October 14, 1940~~ he was not re-interviewed.

STARR said that he was born on June 30, 1907 at Fontana, Wis., the son of FRANK STARR and the former EVA BAKER. STARR said that he is of Scotch ancestry and his ancestors have been in the United States since 1635 which he said makes him a 100% American. He said that he is as true an American as GEORGE WASHINGTON or ABRAHAM LINCOLN and is resentful of the fact that he is accused of being a Nazi sympathizer. He said these accusations have been leveled at him for the past several years by the Jews and Communists of Chicago; that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith of which ~~MILES GOLDBERG~~ is head in Chicago as well as the Communist Party in Chicago 65-58-82 "hate his guts". He said that he does not hate t

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rather the Communist Partylalthough most of the Communist Party members are Jewish so naturally he hates the Jewish members of the Communist Party. He said he joined the Silver Shirts in 1936 and the German-American Bund in December, 1938 merely because he thought these organizations would be useful for him in combating Communism which he hates with a vengeance.

He said that while attending a meeting of the Silver Shirts at 5839 Irving Park Blvd., Chicago, which is the address of the Odd Fellow's Hall on November 28, 1938, he was beaten up severely by Communists. He said at this particular meeting the Silver Shirts were discussing the subject of Communism pro and con and when the meeting was half over, a number of Communists headed by WILLIAM RICE and JULIUS ROSENTHAL both supporters for the Daily Record, a Communist newspaper entered the hall and proceeded to beat him and other members of the Silver Shirts almost into insensibility. He said other Communists who parficipated in this fight were SEYMOUR BRODOSSKY, N. MARKS AARON RAGRANS, IRVING BOTNICK, DAVID FOREMAN, HERMAN LIEV AND MAX KAMM. STARR said that he was subsequently charged by Captain HERBERT BURNS of the Chicago Police with inciting a riot but this case was later dismissed by Judge GRAEBER. He said in reality this fight was caused by RICE, ROSENTHAL AND his cohorts and he considered it a gross injustice that CAPT. BURNS charged him with inciting a riot.

Continuing, STARR said that during the fall of 1939 the Silver Shirts practically became dissolved and as a result his interest and activity in this organization ceased at that time. He said he resigned from the German-American Bund in Sept. 1939 because of the European War inasmuch as he did not wish to become labelled a Nazi Sympathizer because of his association with the Bund; however, STARR said that any accusation that the Bund is a Nazi organization is ill-founded and untrue. He said the German-American Bund is merely an association of German-American people who wish to gather socially and he has personally never met a finer bunch of people and he stated that at no meetings he attended did he find other than a great respect for the U. S. He said the German-American Bund is as thoroughly American as the American Legion or the Masons and added that no Americans should become alarmed at the activities of the members constituting the Bund.

STARR appeared greatly disturbed by the publicity given him in the last few months by the Daily Times and said that he intended to sue the Times for libel and if he did not get results in law he would beat up the Jews responsible for publication of this article. STARR said that he is sick and tired of being investigated by the F.B.I., the Chicago Police and theDies Committee, and that if he ever encounters in the future an investigator inquiring about his activities, he willinflict bodily harm on him; however, he added that if anyone wishes information concerning him, he will be only too happy to furnish the information if approached like a gentleman. He said that his personal belongings and his home are available for search by the F.B.I. at any time this agency chooses although he will not stand for so-called "snopping around". STARR said that on August 30, 1939 he was summoned as a witness before the Dies Committee at a hearing held in Chicago; that at this hearing he was treated like a gentleman and appreciated it greatly. STARR said that it was a terrible state when such a 100% American as he is persecuted and prosecuted by "Damn Jews" and he will fight this if it means his death. STARR said that he is a Jack of all trades and if necessary can leave town and get a job anywhere although he prefers to stay and fight it. He said that he has a collection of about 25 firearms, including pistols, rifles, shotguns, etc. but that all these firearms were purchased legitimately and probably are not worth more than $50. He indicated that any rumor to the effect that he has an arsenal located in his house is erroneous; that he has been a member of the National Rifle Association for many years although he has not paid dues for several years.

STARR said that some day the people of Chicago will realize what a good American he is and regret that he has been persecuted by the Jews.

The following description of STARR was obtained by interrogation and observation:

Name	RICHARD FRANK STARR
Age	33
Born	6/30/07 Fontana, Wis.
Height	6'5
Weight	195
Build	Slim
Hair	Brown, unruly

Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair, clean shaven
Teeth	Very poor
Occupation	Carpenter, auto mechanic, plasterer pipe fitter
Religion	Protestant
Marital status	Single
Race	White
Nationality	American
Sex	Male
Speech	Uses poor grammar
Tattooes	Has numerous tattooes of all designs on both left and rt. arm
Residence	5714 West Byron St. Chicago, Ill.
Relatives	Father, FRANK STARR Mother, EVA BAKER STARR 5714 West Byron St. Chicago, Ill.

The following description of OTT was obtained by interrogation and observation:

Name	CLARENCE EDWARD OTT
Age	36
Born	1/15/04 Sioux Falls, S.D
Height	5'11
Weight	155
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark, clean shaven
Teeth	Fair, several gold upper teeth
Religion	Protestant
Marital status	Single
Race	White
Nationality	American, German descent
Sex	Male
Residence	4249 N. Winchester Ave. Chicago, Ill.

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STARR and OTT were allowed to do all the talking during this interview and Agent did practically nothing. They were advised that the F.B.I. is not investigating WERNECKE, STARR OTT or any of their associates and that the newspaper article previously mentioned was an absolute falsehood. Both STARR and OTT terminated the conversation in good spirits.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL S. GARNER
Special Agent.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 7, 1940

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Honorable James P.Allman
Commissioner of Police
Chicago,Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

In connection with national defense matters, I shall appreciate your conducting a discreet investigation to develop information concerning [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. This individual has been employed by the Illinois [redacted] Street for a number of years.

For your confidential information [redacted] is reported to be a friend of William Bernard Wernecke, about whom you have no doubt considerable information. Wernecke is reputed to be the secretary of the Nazi Bund in Chicago and is well known for his anti-Semitic activities. Pro-German groups are alleged to have met formerly at his farm in Milburn, Illinois, although he now resides at Lake Forest, Illinois. Wernecke has been publicized almost weekly recently in Chicago newspapers.

It is requested that appropriate inquiry be made concerning [redacted] to ascertain whether she has similar sentiments as those of Wernecke. It is also desired that appropriate investigation be conducted at the Shooters' Supply Company, 3350 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, hardware license 1302, which has been reported to be the location of an arsenal of Wernecke and his associates.

For your convenience in replying I am enclosing herewith a self-addressed franked envelope which requires no postage. In replying please refer to our file 65-582.

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James P.Allman 11/7/40 Re: [redacted]

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Your prompt cooperation and assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. With kindestpersonal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

WSD

W. S. DEVEREAUX,

Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM

From MNK

To MMG

Date: OCTOBER 16, 1940

Subject:

D. S. reports that a friend of his has advised him that one, Weil, attorney for the German Consul, has a farm near Barrington where a lot of drilling is being done. This is alleged to have come from a household servant on the farm who has now quit.

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Chicago, Illinois
November 9, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE; et al.
ESPIONAGE

This is to advise that on October 29, 1940, WILLIAM L. WERNECKE appeared at the Chicago Office and showed Agent literature he has been receiving for the past several years from the Deutsche Fichte Bund Agency in Hamburg, Germany. He said he has long been on their mailing list, apparently, and has made no effort to disconnect himself therewith. He said it is obviously Nazi propaganda, although he reads it to get the German point of view. He said apparently the treatment given by the D.F.B. concerning Jews is especially good. WERNECKE gave Agent several samples of the type of literature he has been receiving.

WERNECKE stated that he had no especial mission in visiting the Chicago Office again but merely wanted to show the FBI that he is aboveboard and that anything he has is open to the inspection of the F.B.I.

R. S. GARNER
Special Agent

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Chicago, Illinois
November 18, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE,
et al; ESPIONAGE.

Dear Sir

Relative to your inquiry concerning Harry Krausare, I wish to advise that this individual at no time has been authorized to inform that he is working with this Office. This individual has on past occasions furnished some scattering of information relative to the above entitled case. Most of his information has been found to be unreliable.

He advised Special Agent (A) Robert E. Lee of this Office that he was contemplating proceeding to Memphis, Tennessee in the near future inasmuch as he had obtained a position in a power plant in that vicinity. He inquired as to whether it would be proper for him to contact the Memphis Office and offer his services. He was advised it would be proper for him to present himself to the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office, but under no circumstances was he authorized to approach the Memphis Office having in mind obtaining their assistance relative to gaining employment.

Very truly yours

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

Chicago Ill.
Nov. 12, 1940

Inspector Garner
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Bankers Bldg. Chicago.

Dear Sir;

I received about 30 copies of the enclosed printed sheet. I will keep you informed of any printed matter which I receive.

Very truly yours
Wm Wernecke
6250 Wayne Ave.
Chicago Ill.

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November 19, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE....

This is to advise that FRANK MARTINEK, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, has advised that HERSHEL EDWARDS of 2121 West Jackson Boulevard, is an individual of English extraction and is particularly close to Mrs. Wernecke, the mother of the Subject in this case.

Mr. MARTINEK states that EDWARDS may be contacted by a representative of this Office and he, EDWARDS, should be in a position to furnish information relative to Mrs. WERNECKE and her various activities, as well as be in a position to develop any other information that might be of interest to this Office in instant case.

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W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
November 28, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - W. S. DEVEREAUX

RE: CLARENCE E. OTT

On October 14, 1940 CLARENCE E. OTT, 4249 North Winchester Avenue, telephone Wellington 7742, called at the Chicago Office to make clear his position, inasmuch as he saw an article in the Chicago Daily Times in which his name appeared as an individual under investigation or surveillance by the State's Attorney's Office, the local police and the FBI. It was stated in this article that he had guns stored in his home which were probably being used for some subversive purpose.

OTT stated that he is a maintenance man at the Central Office of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company with which company he has been employed for seventeen years. He stated that first of all he wanted to explain the presence of guns in his apartment.

He stated that he does have one old Springfield Rifle, three .22 caliber rifles, two shotguns and two pistols. He stated that none of these guns were in very good condition; that he had collected them solely for his own personal interest in guns. He stated that he had belonged to the Hiawatha Gun Club, which was also mentioned in the newspaper article, but this gun club had been just a neighborhood organization with no connection with any German element; that it consisted of about twelve members. WILLIAM WERNECKE was a member, and the chairman of the organization was MAX BOWMAN, whose address he did not know.

OTT stated that he joined this organization in the summer of 1939; that they had about twelve shooting meets at the Ravenswood Airport on the west side of town, but that the members seemed to lack interest in the club and it gradually broke up. He stated that each man owned his own gun and the existence of this club had no connection whatever with the German Bund.

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OTT stated that he was formerly a member of the German-American Bund and that he attended meetings at 3855 North Western Avenue. He stated however, that he terminated his association with the Bund in the form of a letter of resignation, around April, 1940. He stated that he joined the Bund simply because, at the time he joined it, this organization was fighting Communists, but that he resigned because the lecturers began to advocate totalitarianism and the organization began to take on a pro-German aspect.

He stated that he knew WERNECKE but had not seen him for about a year. He stated that he had been out to his farm on only one occasion and that was when the club had a shooting meet out there. He stated that the club went out there shooting on one occasion and that any reports that shooting practice was held out there regularly was erroneous, sofar as he knew.

OTT said that he is at present not a member of any German organization and did not have any pro-German leanings whatever. He stated that STARR, who is also mentioned in the same newspaper article, has a collection of antique guns, but that his collection, like OTT'S, is purely a personal collection, and that his guns are so old that they were practically useless, sofar as being effective weapons is considered.

The following description of OTT was obtained by personal observation and questioning:

Age	36
Born	Sioux Falls, S. D.
Height	5' 11"
Weight	155
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown - wears glasses
Complexion	Fair
Marital status	Single

His mother was born in German and his father was born in the United States.

The files of this office reflect insufficient information to warrant investigation of this individual at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

ESB:AO

E. S. BLAKESLEY, Special Agent

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FILE NO. 65-582

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TITLE CHANGED
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, alias "Hitler"; MARTHA C. WERNECKE, with aliases: Mrs. Wernecke, "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop"; ERNEST SCHAAF, alias "Goering"; MARCELLA, alias "Mousie"; FRANZ; YACQUI

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WERNECKE appeared at the Chicago office on several occasions, October and November, 1940 to proclaim his Americanism. He resents persecution by Jews. He stated that several years ago he attempted to join bund but members thereof have never trusted him. WERNECKE admitted attending bund meetings but denies any Nazi sympathies. Also advised FBI is at liberty to examine his home or farm at any time desired. CLARENCE EDWARD OTT and RICHARD FRANK STARR, friends of WERNECKE also appeared at Chicago office to vouch for his Americanism. WERNECKE and associates reported to have arsenal located at 3350 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago under name of Shooters Supply Company.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 5, 1940.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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The title in this case is being changed to reflect the full true name of WEINECKE as WILLIAM BERNARD WEINECKE and to drop the name of WILLIAM L. WEINECKE inasmuch as that is his uncle's name.

On October 14, 1940 WILLIAM BERNARD WEINECKE voluntarily appeared at the Chicago office. WEINECKE stated that he was calling in view of a newspaper article which appeared in the Sunday October 13, 1940 issue of the Daily Times, to the effect that the FBI was about to crack down on the German-American Bund and other German individuals in Chicago and vicinity. He said that he noted his name was mentioned therein as being one of the individuals whose activities and property were being ascertained by the FBI, the States Attorney's office and the Chicago Police.

Agent recalls reading this particular article, which in substance contained everything WEINECKE said appeared therein. In addition thereto it stated that WEINECKE was supposed to have an arsenal on his farm at 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois, and that the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago office indicated that possibly WEINECKE might have obtained some rifles by theft of a National Guard Armory somewhere.

WEINECKE said that for several years he has been persecuted by the Jews in Chicago, namely B'Nai B'Rith; that his position at the present time is almost untenable, and he feels he will have to leave Chicago permanently to escape this persecution. He said he personally does not hate the Jews, but thinks them un-American, and has always expressed himself openly in this respect. He stated that all the publicity given him in recent years is untrue, because he is a one hundred percent American, was born in Chicago, and his ancestors have been in this country since 1690. He said he is as much Scotch-Irish and English as he is German. WEINECKE stated that he was born in Chicago on January 21, 1907, and his full name is WILLIAM BERNARD WEINECKE; that he operates a real estate office in partnership with his mother MARTHA C. WEINECKE and his uncle WILLIAM HUGHS WEINECKE at 30 North LaSalle Street. He said his permanent address is 6250 Wagner Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois. He has a farm at 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois where he has fifteen horses as well as a collection of about twenty-five old rifles, pistols, blunderbusses, etcetera, which includes about ten comparatively new rifles which he bought from the

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United States War Department, inasmuch as the War Department sells obsolete guns to citizens who wish to purchase arms. He has been a member of the National Rifle Association for many years, and several years ago contemplated organizing a rifle club with the prime purpose of being ready to combat the Communist revolution which he feels is inevitable. He said he has hoped as a true American that this group would form the nucleus of a group of Americans who would be ready when the Communists overthrew the United States Government and crippled the Army and Navy and police.

MERRILL stated that several years ago he endeavored to join the German-American Bund in Chicago but was never admitted to membership because Bund members do not trust him, believing that he is too good an American to be a good member. He said however he has attended numerous open meetings held at the Bund headquarters every Wednesday evening and has also attended luncheons and dinners at the Germania Club, and associated with leading German-Americans in and about Chicago. He said by reason of these activities and associations the Jews of Chicago probably think that he is a Nazi, whereas he is most decidely not. He stated he would fight to the death a Nazi invasion of the United States and has no sympathy whatever for Hitler or Nazism. He said that the only Nazism which he believes in is American Nazism, which in essence is Americanism.

Continuing he stated that to get away from it all he went hunting for big game in the Louis-Clark National Forest in Montana on September 7, 1940 and returned about October 10, 1940. He showed agent some moose teeth and numerous photographs he had taken during his trip. He said accompanying him on this trip was one PETER BECKER who is employed as an engineer for the Goodman Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of mining equipment at Chicago. He said BECKER is an American born citizen, although of German ancestry.

He recalled the furore which arose only last November when a window in Goldblatt's Department Store was smashed on Hallowe'en Day by members of the Silver Shirts. He said undoubtedly the participants in this window smashing had been inflamed by Bund literature and other anti-Semitic literature and he believes the Bund and the Silver Shirts should have assisted them in their prosecution by the States Attorney's office.

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He said neither the Bund nor the Silver Shirts did, so he felt it a moral duty to give them financial aid. According to WERNECKE the participants in this window smashing were [redacted], [redacted] CAMPBELL, FRED FORCHEY, HERBERT SCHLOPP and FRED HEPPNER. He said that SCHLOPP and HEPPNER were acquitted and that CAMPBELL is now serving a term in the reformatory at Pontiac, Illinois, while FORCHEY served seven months in jail and is now out on bond. He said that MANZ while convicted, was released on bond and is now appealing the case. According to WERNECKE, MANZ publishes a mimeographed newspaper called the Klopatch which is an anti-Semitic sheet. FORCHEY is engaged in the restaurant business at Antioch, Illinois. Schlopp is a painter in Chicago, while HEPPNER is a janitor in an apartment house at Chicago and Milwaukee Avenues. WERNECKE said that he loaned each of the above-mentioned individuals about $100 and would have loaned them more if he were a richer man.

WERNECKE said that his life and activities are an open book, and that any time an Agent of the Chicago office wishes to accompany him to either his home at 6250 Wayne Avenue, or his farm in Lake Forest, Illinois he would be willing to show him everything contained at any of these places. He said he would allow the Agent to examine his gun collections and any of his private papers. He said he was most anxious to allay any suspicious views concerning himself.

During this interview WERNECKE was allowed to do all the talking, and Agent divulged no information and made no commitments. He was advised that if the Chicago office at some future date wished to accept his invitation to examine his personal belongings and property he would be contacted. He thanked Agent for listening to him, and said that he has always known the FBI as being fair with him, as contrasted with the States Attorney's office and the Chicago Police Department.

On October 29, 1940 WERNECKE again appeared at the Chicago office and showed Agent literature he has been receiving for the past several years from the Deutsche Fichte Bund Agency in Hamburg, Germany. He said he has long been on their mailing list, apparently, and has made no effort

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to disconnect himself therewith. He said it is obviously Nazi propaganda, although he reads it to get the German point of view. He said apparently the treatment given by the F.B.I. concerning Jews is especially good. WERNECKE gave Agent several samples of the type of literature he has been receiving.

WERNECKE stated that he had no especial mission in visiting the Chicago Office again but merely wanted to show the FBI that he is above-board and that anything he has is open to the inspection of the FBI.

On November 13, 1940 WERNECKE again appeared at the Chicago Office to show Agent a clipping from the Chicago Times of a recent date which indicated that pro-Nazis in the Chicago area were to be indicted for perjury at various hearings held before the Grand Jury in recent months. Neither WERNECKE'S name nor the names of any of the others were mentioned in the article. WERNECKE said this clipping was sent to him in an anonymous envelope. WERNECKE also said that he recently received several anonymous telephone calls to the effect that "Uncle Sam will get you soon". WERNECKE advised that if he is to be indicted, he wanted the FBI to see to it that he was indicted immediately. However, he was informed that the Chicago Office has no knowledge of any such intentions of the Grand Jury and that, of course, the Bureau could not help him in this matter.

On October 12, 1940 CLARENCE EDWARD OTT, 4249 North Winchester Avenue, telephonically advised the Chicago Office that a friend of his had seen the article concerning FBI interest in German Activities in the Saturday evening, October 12 issue of the Chicago Daily Times and that this friend of his had called him and informed him that apparently the FBI was looking for him.

The writer inquired as to the reason this Bureau might be interested in OTT and he stated that according to the newspaper article he was supposed to have an arsenal. He stated that the only guns he has are the following:

1 22 calibre rifle
1 .16 gauge shot gun
1 .22 calibre pump rifle
1 model 1876 Springfield rifle used in the Spanish American War
1 .22 calibre target pistol

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OTT advised that he is presently residing at 4249 North Winchester Avenue and that he may be reached there by phoning Wellington 7742. He stated that he is working for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator and that his working hours are from 4:30 P. M. until 1:00 A. M. every day. To contact him during work he advised that one should call Humboldt 9941.

The files index disclosed that the only place OTT'S name is mentioned is in file 61-166 (serials 99 and 100). Serial 100 is a letter from R. E. SACKETT, SAC, New York Office advising the Chicago Field Division that agents in the New York Office had been given access to records of the German-American Bund and affiliated organizations which had been obtained by the Office of District Attorney THOMAS E. DEWEY in connection with the prosecution of FRITZ KUHN. Certain applications for membership were observed and CLARENCE E. OTT, Chicago, is one of the names listed. Serial 100 is an exhibit envelope and contains photostatic copies of such applications for membership. The writer found a copy of the application of CLARENCE E. OTT and the same was replaced in Serial 100 envelope on top of the other photostatic copies.

OTT was advised that the writer had no knowledge concerning the newspaper article and also that the writer did not know whether he was wanted or not. He remarked that he would like to get the matter straightened out because he was afraid that the telephone company would not permit him to hold his job very long if such newspaper stories continued in the future.

The conversation was concluded with the statement by OTT that he believed he would call at the Chicago Field Office in the near future, probably on Monday, October 14, for the purpose of clearing up the matter.

On November 14, 1940 RICHARD FRANK STARK, 5714 West Byron Street, voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Office accompanied by the aforementioned OTT. Both STARK and OTT admit knowing GERICKE for a period of years. Both individuals appeared in the Chicago Office because of a newspaper article which appeared in the Sunday October 13, 1940 issue of the Chicago Daily Times to the effect that the FBI together

with the State's Attorney's Office and the Chicago Police Department was about to "crack down" on the German-American Bund, WEINBERG, STARR, and OTT. STARR showed agent the newspaper clipping mentioned hereinbefore as well as photographs from the same newspaper of the homes of WEINBERG, STARR and OTT. Inasmuch as OTT telephonically communicated with Special Agent H. C. COX on October 12, 1940, he was not re-interviewed.

STARR said that he was born on June 30, 1907 at Fontana, Wisconsin, the son of FRANK STARR and the former EVA BAKER. STARR said that he is of Scotch ancestry and his ancestors have been in the United States since 1635 which he said makes him a 100% American. He said that he is as true an American as GEORGE WASHINGTON or ABRAHAM LINCOLN and is resentful of the fact that he is accused of being a Nazi sympathizer. He said these accusations have been leveled at him for the past several years by the Jews and Communists of Chicago; that the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith of which MILES GOLDBERG is head in Chicago as well as the Communist Party in Chicago "hate his guts". He said that he does not hate the Jews but rather the Communist Party although most of the Communist Party members are Jewish so naturally he hates the Jewish members of the Communist Party. He said he joined the Silver Shirts in 1936 and the German-American Bund in November, 1938 merely because he thought these organizations would be useful for him in combating Communism which he hates with a vengeance.

He said that while attending a meeting of the Silver Shirts at 3939 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, which is the address of the Odd Fellow's Hall on November 28, 1938, he was beaten up severely by Communists. He said at this particular meeting the Silver Shirts were discussing the subject of Communism pro and con and when the meeting was half over, a number of Communists headed by WILLIAM NICK and JULIUS ROSENTHAL both reporters for the Daily Record, a Communist newspaper entered the hall and proceeded to beat him and other members of the Silver Shirts almost into insensibility. He said other Communists who participated in this fight were SIDNEY BRODSKY, H. MAIER, AARON MARKS, IRVING BORRIS, DAVID FURMAN, HERMAN LIEV and MAX YARN. STARR said

that he was subsequently charged by Captain HERBERT BURKE of the Chicago Police with inciting a riot but this case was later dismissed by Judge CRAMER. He said in reality this fight was caused by RICE, MARSHAL and his cohorts and he considered it a gross injustice that Captain BURKE charged him with inciting a riot.

Continuing, STARK said that during the fall of 1939 the Silver Shirts practically became dissolved and as a result his interest and activity in this organization ceased at that time. He said he resigned from the German-American Bund in September, 1939 because of the European War inasmuch as he did not wish to become labelled a Nazi sympathizer because of his association with the Bund; however, STARK said that any accusation that the Bund is a Nazi organization is ill-founded and untrue. He said the German-American Bund is merely an association of German-American people who wish to gather socially and he him personally never met a finer bunch of people and he stated that at no meetings he attended did he find other than a great respect for the United States. He said the German-American Bund is as thoroughly American as the American Legion or the Masons and added that no Americans should become alarmed at the activities of the members constituting the Bund.

STARK appeared greatly disturbed by the publicity given him in the last few months by the Daily Times and said that he intended to sue the Times for libel and if he did not get results in law he would beat up the ones responsible for publication of this article. STARK said that he is sick and tired of being investigated by the FBI, the Chicago Police and the Dies Committee, and that if he ever encounters in the future an investigator inquiring about his activities, he will inflict bodily harm on him; however, he added that if anyone wishes information concerning him, he will be only too happy to furnish the information if approached like a gentleman. He said that his personal belongings and his home are available for search by the FBI at any time this agency chooses although he will not stand for so-called "snooping around". STARK said that on August 30, 1939, he was summoned as a witness before the Dies Committee at a hearing held in Chicago; that at this hearing he was treated like a gentleman and appreciated it greatly. STARK said that it was a terrible state when such a 100% American as he is

persecuted and prosecuted by "Dam Jews" and he will fight this if it means his death. STAHR said that he is a jack of all trades and if necessary can leave town and get a job anywhere although he prefers to stay and fight it. He said that he has a collection of about 25 firearms, including pistols, rifles, shotguns, etcetera, but that all these firearms were purchased legitimately and probably are not worth more than $50. He indicated that any rumor to the effect that he has an arsenal located in his house is erroneous; that he has been a member of the National Rifle Association for many years although he has not paid dues for several years.

STAHR said that some day the people of Chicago will realize what a good American he is and regret that he has been persecuted by the Jews.

The following description of STAHR was obtained by interrogation and observation:

Name	RICHARD FRANK STAHR
Age	39
Born	6/30/07 Pontiac, Wis.
Height	6' 3"
Weight	195 lbs.
Build	Slim
Hair	Brown, unruly
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair, clean shaven
Teeth	Very poor
Occupation	Carpenter, auto mechanic, plasterer, pipe fitter
Religion	Protestant
Marital status	Single
Race	White
Nationality	American
Sex	Male
Speech	Uses poor grammar
Tattooes	Has numerous tattooes of all designs on both left and right arm.
Residence	5714 West Byron Street, Chicago
Relatives	Father, FRANK STAHR Mother, [illegible] STAHR 5714 West Byron Street, Chicago

The following description of CFT was obtained by interrogation and observation:

Name	CLARENCE ELMORE CFT
Age	36
Born	1/15/04, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Height	5' 11"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark, clean shaven
Teeth	Fair, several gold upper teeth
Religion	Protestant
Marital Status	Single
Race	White
Nationality	American, German descent
Sex	Male
Residence	4249 North Winchester Avenue, Chicago.

STAHR and CFT were allowed to do all the talking during this interview and Agent did practically nothing. They were advised that the FBI is not investigating HERRICK, STAHR, CFT, or any of their associates and that the newspaper article previously mentioned was an absolute falsehood. Both STAHR and CFT terminated the conversation in good spirits.

By letter dated October 13, 1940 FRANK STAHR, father of RICHARD FRANK STAHR, previously mentioned, on stationery of the STAHR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 5714 Byron Street, Chicago, Illinois, complained of the "smearing" of his son's name by the Chicago Times. He advised that he had instructed his attorneys to institute suit against the Chicago Times. STAHR further advised there is no arsenal in his home nor has there ever been , that he is not a member of the German-American Bund Nor the Silver Shirts Legion, or any other organization of that nature.

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KENNETH STROPE, 226 Scott Street, telephonically advised the Chicago Office on October 21, 1940 that he had received information through one [redacted] who formerly resided at 1936 Erie Street and now believed to be residing in the vicinity of 500 North Ashland Avenue that [redacted] had called KING LAUREN by telephone and told her he was going to slip out of the United States . Informant stated that he had worked for [redacted] at one time at Wadsworth, Illinois, and that he had previously reported matters in connection with [redacted]'s farm at Wadsworth to Special Agent [redacted] of this office. He was of the opinion that perhaps this information about subject would be of some value to the Bureau. He mentioned that he would continue to contact this office whenever he came across information which he thought would be of value.

STROPE also mentioned that he had previously worked at the LaSalle Plaza Hotel, 873 North LaSalle Street, and that he had reported a MR. and MRS. [redacted] who were staying at that hotel. He went on to say that he had learned that these individuals had a personal picture of Hitler in their possession.

On October 21, 1940 MR. CROWLEY of the State's Attorney's office telephonically advised that about ten months ago an informant called the State's Attorney's office stating he had information to submit concerning [redacted] and his associates. MR. CROWLEY did not recall the name of the individual but added that this individual is known to Captain [redacted] of the Naval Reserve, Randolph Street Pier, Central 1238. He stated further that this informant may be known to the former State's Attorney WILLIAM MASON of Lake County, Illinois.

On October 15, 1940 a telephone call was received from MR. BROWN, who is an investigator for the [redacted]'S office. He stated he is positive that [redacted] and his associates have an arsenal located at 3350 North Lawn Avenue, under the name of the Shooters Supply Company, and further that this company is supposed to have a hardware license, #1302 and obtained this license in order to deal in firearms.

By letter dated November 7, 1940 the Chicago Police Department was requested to develop information concerning VIOLA LARSEN, 511 North Ashland Avenue, as well as to make appropriate investigation of the Shooters Supply Company.

UNEVALUATED LEADS:

* The Sioux Falls Field Division

At Chamberlain, South Dakota, will conduct investigation as to subject [redacted]'s activities in this locality.

* The Chicago Field Division

At Chicago, Illinois, will report the results of investigation by the Chief of Police, Niles Center, Illinois (now (Skokie) concerning ERNEST SCHAFF.

* Will likewise report further results of investigations being conducted by Sheriff THOMAS [redacted], Wheaton, Illinois, and Chief of Police [redacted], Lake Forest, Illinois.

* Will interview STAFF KELLY, 5514 Indiana Avenue, telephone Englewood 7063, for information he has concerning [redacted]'s activities while at the Milburn farm.

* Will ascertain the identity and activities of VIOLA LARSEN, 511 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0295, who is reported to be a friend of [redacted].

* Will keep in contact with HARRY BRAUNAGE, 727 South Dearborn Street, telephone Delaware 9748.

Will report the results of investigation by the Chicago Police Department relative to the identity and activities of VIOLA LARSEN, 511 N. Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0295, who is reported to be a friend of [redacted], as well as the results of an investigation relative to the Shooter Supply Co. 3350 North Lawen Avenue, alleged to be the location of an arsenal of [redacted] and his associates.

PENDING.

December 4, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE...

This is to advise that FRANK MARTINEK of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, informed the writer that Mrs. WERNECKE, mother of the Subject, works in the manufacturing field department of Standard Oil. Employed with her is a FRIEDA JOHNSTEN. This latter individual resents the pro-Nazi attitude on the part of Mrs. WERNECKE. Mrs. WERNECKE has tried on several occasions to spread Nazi propaganda and has attempted to give out circulars and literature to other employees and these actions on the part of Mrs. WERNECKE has caused her fellow employees to assume a hostile attitude toward her, especially on the part of FRIEDA JOHNSTEN.

Mrs. WERNECKE has frequently stated that the American people are stupid and further has made the statement that her son, WILLIAM WERNECKE, traveled back and forth to Canada at the time of the draft in order to avoid registering.

It is suggested immediate steps be taken to determine if WERNECKE has registered for the draft and in the event he has not the facts should be presented to the United States Attorney in order that this individual can be prosecuted under the Selective Service Act. Before the matter is presented to the United States Attorney, however, the situation should be discussed with the writer.

Mrs. WERNECKE also isoknown to IDA JURGENSEN, also an employee of Standard Oil Company. IDA JURGENSEN has heard Mrs. WERNECKE state that Hitler is a great man and Germany is a great place to live; further, that Mrs. WERNECKE receives considerable mail from Germany and makes frequent telephone calls from a telephone booth in the Standard Oil Company building. A DON BILGER, another employee, also seems to be close to Mrs. WERNECKE.

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W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO F.B.I. - SECRET DOCUMENT

NOVEMBER 7TH, 1940, 1940

From SKOKIE, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
(Organization or Department)

Name and aliases of suspects: ERNEST SCHARF

4837 LOUISE AVE., SKOKIE, ILL.

Investigation made by TED J HEINZ
Name of Officer

CHIEF OF POLICE
Title

Details: THE ABOVE MENTIONED IS NOT WELL KNOWN HERE AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET A GREAT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION. THE FOLLOWING HOWEVER, MAY ADD TO WHAT YOU NOW HAVE:
WORKS FOR CLEANERS DE LUXE AS A SPOTTER---CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1938 OCTOBER.
PRIOR TO 1938 IN BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF--CLEANING BUSINESS---IN MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN FOR ABOUT A YEAR.
PRIOR TO THIS WORKED FOR THE NORTH SIDE CLEANERS, I BELIEVE OF EVANSTON, ILL.
ALSO FOR THE VOGUE CLEANERS OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.
AGE---ABOUT 37 YRS. 5' 8'' TALL----WEIGHT APPROX. 160 POUNDS--GERMAN DESCENT
HE IS A REGISTERED VOTER.
LIVES ABOVE CLEANING PLANT WITH WIFE---2ND MARRIAGE
WIFE NAME SYLVIA----SWEDISH DESCENT
HAS DAUGHTER 16 YRS. OF AGE WITH 1ST WIFE. LIVES WITH 1ST WIFE ADDRESS UNKNOWN.
SUBJECT IS VERY EXCITABLE AND DOES SEEMINGLY ENJOY ARGUEING AGAINST THE JEWS AS WELL AS FOR GERMANY AND AGAINST AMERICAN WAYS.
HIS HOBBY IS HORSEBACK RIDING
HAS A PONTIAC CAR----F-879031 EP1032587
ATTACHED ARE A COUPLE OF PICTURES SNAPPED BY ME WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE WHICH WILL PROBABLY DESCRIBE HIS BUILD, LONG STRIDE AND ARM SWINGING WHILE WALKING.
I AM TOLD THAT SCHARF HAS QUITE A FEW VISITORS, ALL OF WHOM ARE STRANGERS TO ME.
FROM THE LITTLE INFORMATION I HAVE REGARDING THIS MAN, I DO BELIEVE THAT HE SHOULD BE WATCHED, AS WELL AS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHO HIS VISITORS AND ASSOCIATES ARE. ANYTHING FURTHER IN THIS CONNECTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

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Ack & write report

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Submitted by Ted J Heinz
Signature of Head of Organization
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHICAGO - ILLINOIS
January 15, 1941

On December 20, 1940 WILLIAM WERNECKE personally appeared at the Chicago Field Office and displayed to the writer a copy of the Chicago Daily News issued December 19, 1940, in which appeared an article relative to the recent raid on the Bund Headquarters at 3855 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which article listed the name of WERNECKE and his telephone number.

WERNECKE stated that he desired to inform this office how his name happened to be in any materials which may have been found at the Bund Headquarters. He stated that approximately a year or so ago he had attended several Bund meetings and inasmuch as his home telephone was unlisted he had furnished it to someone at the Bund Headquarters in case any of his friends desired to contact him at any time.

In this connection, WERNECKE further mentioned that his entire previous evenings had been interrupted by intermittent telephone calls and that he was going to have his phone number changed that day.

WERNECKE also furnished the additional information concerning one EDWIN WRIGHT, 160 Menard, who he stated to be employed by the American Steel and Wire Company. According to WERNECKE, WRIGHT upon one occasion had asked him whether he was buying rifles. WRIGHT told him that he had done some work on the West Coast for the Nazis, mostly photographing, advising that he was paid well for this work and desired to make himself known to WERNECKE. WERNECKE described WRIGHT as follows:

Name	EDWIN WRIGHT
Address	160 Menard
Age	32
Height	5' 4"
Weight	190
Hair	Blond - curly
Eyes	Blue
Teeth	False
Scars & Marks	One in [illegible] which one.

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In view of the source of this information, namely, WILLIAM WERNECKE, no investigation is presently contemplated in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. CLANAHAN,
Special Agent

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Chicago, Illinois
September 27, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

On September 11, 1940 EDWARD E. MACK, 209 S. LaSalle Street, informed the writer that his son EDWARD E. MACK, JR. became acquainted with one HERBERT HAUPT who is described as 22 years of age; 5'10"; 140 lbs.; slender but muscular build; blonde hair; bushy eyebrows; brown eyes and tan complexion. MACK'S son and HAUPT have become quite good friends but MR. MACK is a little suspicious of HAUPT for several reasons.

HAUPT is supposed to be a friend of BILL WERNKE and claims to own a farm in joint tenancy with WERNKE called Meadowside which is located in Lake Forest, Illinois. HAUPT has told MACK, JR. that he got his share in this farm as a result of a favor performed for someone in Germany. HAUPT also told MACK, JR. that he worked for the Simmons Company, a company which grinds lenses and is similar to Zeiss, Bausch and Laumb.

Among other things he has told MACK, JR. that he has worked on the new bomb site that is being used by the Army Air Corps. MACK stated that if further information concerning HAUPT or WERNKE is desired, he believes his son would be in a position to obtain it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FISHER,
Special Agent.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 23, 1941

Ted J. Heinz
Chief of Police
Chicago, Illinois

Re: CS-302

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your report in connection with Ernest Scharf dated November 7, 1940. I have noted with interest the contents thereof, and I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your splendid cooperation in this matter.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would furnish this office with any information you may secure in the future in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO - ILLINOIS
February 7, 1941

Memorandum for the File:
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On January 20, 1941, an anonymous telephone call was received by the writer and the person speaking stated that he had learned from a very reliable source that MRS. WERNECKE has a safe deposit box at the Bank of Montreal, located at 21 South LaSalle Street.

The maker of the telephone call refused to divulge his identity, but stated that the information furnished by him was very reliable.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. CLANAHAN

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE with aliases, et al	ESPIONAGE G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ERNEST SCHARF not well known at Skokie, Illinois. SCHARF very anti-semitic and pro-Nazi. Employment record obtained and set out. Information received to the effect that subject WILLIAM WERNECKE has violated Selective Service Act.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. S. GARNER at Chicago, Illinois dated November 30, 1940.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

By letter dated September 25, 1940, TED J. HEINZ, Chief of Police, Skokie, Illinois, was requested to conduct an investigation to develop information concerning ERNEST SCHARF. CHIEF HEINZ submitted the following report under date of November 7, 1940:

The above mentioned is not well known [illegible] difficult to get a great amount of information, [illegible] to what you now have:

Subject works for Cleaners De Luxe as a spotter—continously since 1938 in October. Prior to 1938 in business for himself—cleaning business—in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for about a year. Prior to this worked for

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the North Side Cleaners, I believe of Evanston, Illinois, also for the Vogue Cleaners of Highland Park, Illinois. Age--about 37 years. 5' 8" tall--weight approximately 160 lbs--German descent. He is a registered voter, lives above cleaning plant with his wife--2nd marriage. Wife named SYLVIA--Swedish descent. Has daughter 16 years of age by first wife, lives with first wife, address unknown. Subject is very excitable and does seemingly enjoy arguing against Jews as well as for Germany and against American ways. His hobby is horseback riding. He has a Pontiac car--F-879031, EP1032587. Attached are a couple of pictures snapped by me without his knowledge which will probably describe his build, long stride and arm swinging while walking. I am told that SCHARF has quite a few visitors, all of whom are strangers to me. From the little information I have regarding this man, I do believe that he should be watched, as well as to make an effort to determine who his visitors and associates are. Anything further in this connection will be forwarded to you.

The two pictures enclosed with the above report are being retained in the Chicago files.

On December 4, 1942 FRANK [illegible] of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana called at this office and advised that MRS. [illegible], mother of the subject WILLIAM WERNECKE, worked in the [illegible] department of Standard Oil Company. Employed with her is a FRIEDA JOHNSTON. This latter individual resents the pro-Nazi attitude on the part of MRS. WERNECKE. MRS. WERNECKE has tried on several occasions to spread Nazi propaganda and has attempted to give out circulars and literature to other employees. These acts on the part of MRS. WERNECKE has caused her fellow workers to assume hostilities toward her and especially on the part of FRIEDA JOHNSTON. MRS. WERNECKE has frequently stated that the American people are stupid and has made the statement that her son travelled back and forth from Canada in order to avoid registering.

MRS. WERNECKE also is known to IDA JURGENSON who is also an employee of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. IDA JURGENSON has heard MRS. WERNECKE state that Hitler is a great man and Germany is a great place to live and further that MRS. WERNECKE receives considerable mail from Germany and makes frequent telephone calls from a telephone booth in the Standard Oil Company.

DON BILGER, another employee of the above company, seems to be close to MRS. WERNECKE.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SIOUX FALLS FIELD DIVISION

AT CHAMBERLAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

* Will conduct investigation as to subject WERNECKE'S activities in this locality.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

* Will report further results of investigations being conducted by [redacted], and Chief of Police, FRANK THOMAS, Lake Forest, Illinois.

* Will interview WYATT KELLY, 5514 Indiana Avenue, telephone Englewood 7063, for information he has concerning WERNECKE'S activities while at the Milburn farm.

* Will keep in contact with HARRY KRAUSARE, 717 North Dearborn Street, telephone Delaware 9748.

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Will report the results of investigation by the Chicago Police Department relative to the identity and activities of VIOLA LARSEN, 511 North Ashland Avenue, telephone Haymarket 0285, who is reported to be a friend of WERNECKE, as well as the results of an investigation relative to the Shooter Supply Company, 3350 North Damen Avenue, alleged to be the location of an arsenal of WERNECKE and his associates.

Will report the results of further investigation being conducted by the Chief of Police at Skokie, Illinois

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Los Angeles, California
December 26, 1940.

Special Agent in Charge,

RE: GERMAN LITERATURE AND PROPAGANDA; INTERNAL SECURITY; REGISTRATION ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Los Angeles Field Division Office for sometime has conducted investigation relative to literature and propaganda arriving at the Los Angeles port via Japanese ships from either Russia or from Germany by way of Siberia.

In some instances, individuals throughout the United States have received fifty to one hundred or more copies of each type of propaganda or literature, indicating that they might distribute part or all of these copies.

It is not known whether the recipients in the United States have requested this material by communicating with German authorities, or whether their names were secured from some mailing list. This being true, some of the recipients may not be connected with any interests in distributing this literature or propaganda.

Bureau letter of November 27, 1940, advised that it is possible that all or some of the individuals are acting as agents of a foreign principal in the distribution of the propaganda received by them from Germany, but that the mere receipt of propaganda from Germany and subsequent distribution thereof, in itself, is not enough to prove a violation of the Registration Act. The Bureau has advised that in addition there must be shown that the distributor is acting as an agent of a foreign principal.

The Bureau has requested the Los Angeles Division Office to prepare a list of the recipients who received packages containing one hundred copies or more of this propaganda, and this list be forwarded to all field divisions wherein any of the recipients live, with instructions that those field offices open separate Registration Act cases on each of the above-named individuals, to determine if they are operating in violation of the Registration Act.

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The Bureau further requested that it be pointed out that even though these recipients are not actually operating as agents of foreign principals, the mere fact that they are re-distributing German propaganda should be sufficient to consider them subjects of an Internal Security investigation.

In compliance with Bureau instructions, I am transmitting herewith separate memoranda bearing the name and last known address of the recipients of propaganda which was received at Los Angeles about October 19, 1940. This particular propaganda either bore the title, "MURDER AT SEA," described as a single-page leaflet, or "WHO PROFITS BY WAR?" or "WORLD PEACE OR WAR OF DESTRUCTION?"

The Los Angeles Division Office was not able to keep a sample copy of this propaganda. It was known that the American Legion headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana, was a recipient of copies of this propaganda.

In substance, the propaganda entitled, "WHO PROFITS BY WAR?" is an attack on the Jewish race.

The back page of this leaflet disclosed that it was published by HEINRICH KESSEMEIER, 127 Hochalee, Hamburg, Germany, and was printed by VEREINIGTE DRUCKEREIEN, Hamburg, Blankenese.

The two page propaganda leaflet entitled, "WORLD PEACE OR WAR OF DESTRUCTION?" was an excerpt from HITLER'S speech delivered before the Reichstag October 6, 1939.

The single sheet leaflet propaganda entitled, "MURDER AT SEA," purports to be an affidavit of six American citizens who in substance related that a British ship was flying the American flag, whereas in fact it was the British auxiliary cruiser "BARALONG." This pamphlet further describes the alleged killing of German sailors.

After the identification and occupation of the recipients is ascertained by your office, it may be your desire to openly interview each Subject, namely, the recipient.

Kindly open a Registration Act and Internal Security Act case

on each recipient named in your territory, making your office origin in each case, and comply with the Bureau instructions aforc-mentioned.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

WILLIAM WIRNECKE
GERMAN LITERATURE AND PROPAGANDA
INTERNAL SECURITY; REGISTRATION ACT

The above individual had German propaganda addressed to him at the following address:

6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Please handle the investigation in compliance with the attached cover letter.

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DATE December 6th, 1940

NAME WERNECKE, WILLIAM

ADDRESS 6320 Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

MOVED TO Correct address - 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.
(Street)

(City) (State)

NATURE OF PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

CITIZENSHIP STATUS Registered voter

SCOPE OF PRESENT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

REMARKS

State Personal Observations

This man has been most active in Bund activities, especially carried on on a farm in this state where target practice was engaged in by members of the Bund. He also was affiliated with Father Coughlin in aiding in carrying on anti-Semitic propaganda.

James Bowman

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 18 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 65-272

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.	2/13/41	2/11/41	R. C. LINCOLN CM

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM GERHARD WERNECKE, with aliases, et al	ESPIONAGE - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information obtained at Chamberlain South Dakota, relative to possibility of WERNECKE being in that vicinity during summer of 1940.

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DETAILS: AT CHAMBERLAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

HARRY E. HERMAN, Postmaster and R. L. THOMAS, Assistant Postmaster of Chamberlain, South Dakota, were contacted and advised that the Subject did not receive any mail at the post office; a check was made of the forwarding addresses in an effort to locate WERNECKE'S name with negative results. HERMAN explained that due to the size of the town he was personally acquainted with all of its inhabitants and also knew the families living in the rural area, but that this was the first time that the subjects name had been brought to his attention.

The following individuals living in and around Chamberlain, South Dakota, were contacted but could give no information indicating that WERNECKE might have spent some time in that vicinity.

BRUCE CAMPBELL, Sheriff of Brule County, located in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

CHARLES R. FARNSWORTH, former sheriff of Brule County, Chamberlain, South Dakota.

L. F. RUSSMAN, member of the State Motor Patrol of South Dakota, who operates in and around Chamberlain.

R. C. SULLIVAN, telegraph operator for the C.M. St. Paul and Pacific Railway, Chamberlain, made a check of the telegrams received and sent during the month of September, 1940 in an effort to locate correspondence of the subject, with negative results.

J. W. SIMMONS, Railway Express Agent, Chamberlain, S. D., had received no express or mail either to or from WERNECKE.

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JESSE C. [redacted], Adjutant, American Legion, District number 6, Chamberlain, South Dakota had not heard the subjects name mentioned in Chamberlain, but explained that many tourists make Chamberlain, S. Dak., their first over-night stop when proceeding to or from the West coast, particularly if they are driving from Chicago, Illinois, and it is possible that [redacted] could have been one of these tourists.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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WERNECKE, Wm.& Martha 6250 Wayne Chicago, Ill. DANGEROUS	Promoters of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, which meets at 876 No.Wells, Chgo. Bldg. is owned by Mrs. Clara Wernecke. Subject reported arrested in recent Silver Shirt riots in Chgo.; son of Mrs. Wernecke; employed by Standard Oil Co., Chgo.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO F.B.I. - ~~SECRET~~ DOCUMENT
F.B.I. FILE # 65-582

March 19, , 1941

From Chicago Police Department
(Organization or Department)

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Name and aliases of suspects:

[redacted] and

SHOOTERS SUPPLY COMPANY

Investigation made by S. Giosh
Name of Officer

Ptlmn
Title

Details: [redacted]—American of Danish descent, US citizen born in Chicago, Ill. [redacted] store on the 1st floor, flat on 2nd floor. [redacted] Home phone [redacted] business phone [redacted] for the Illinois Citizens Animal Welfare, Inc and has store on the 1st floor of [redacted] The sign painted on this window reads [redacted] Station for Lost Stray and Abondoned Animals". On the door of these premises is painted [redacted] Mgr Mlle P. Garcia De Rosique, Asst." On the opposite window of this store is a sign in the window "The war does not excuse us from obligations to the animals". Subject is [redacted] years, [redacted] lbs, [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes and [redacted] build. Not known if the subject has an automobile. No record at BCI&S or Industrial Squad. As far as can be ascertained character and reputation is good. Standing in the community and credit record are good. Employment record, reputation of friends, principles for which she stands, unusual activities, membership in any un-American organizations and any radical tendencies unknown. Checked with Miss Callahan of the Assn of Commerce and she states that they know nothing about the Illinois Citizens Animal Welfare, Inc Only recently they wrote to the Assn of Commerce and asked why they were not listed. Subject has lived for the past [redacted] years at [redacted] with [redacted] She formerly lived at [redacted] She is very much attached to her work and from information received from [redacted] 4199, who is attorney for this organization, she is a fanatic about dogs.

SHOOTERS SUPPLY COMPANY, 3350 N. Damen Avenue.----The owner of subject company is LESTER ANDERSON. Swedish descent, American citizen. Resides at 3517 N. Damen Ave, 2nd floor, a 2 story frame house. Living with his mother. No home phone. Business phone is GRAceland 2858 issued to Shooters Supply Co. Subject is a gunsmith and owns his own business. Single and living with his mother. 37 years old, 6'0", 190 lbs, medium build, fair complexion, brown wavy hair, brown eyes, wears glasses occasionally. Anderson has a green Ford V8, 1941 license 770 225. No record at BCI&S or Industrial Squad. Reputation, st[illegible] the commun[illegible] credit record are good. Employment re[illegible]

Submitted by
Signature of Head or Organization
Captain of Police-Headquarters
Title

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 20 1941
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO F.B.I. - SECRET DOCUMENT
F.B.I. FILE # 65-582

_____, 1941

From_____
(Organization or Department)

Name and aliases of suspects:_____

Investigation made by_____
Name of Officer

Title

Details: Reputation of friends is good. Principles for which he stands and any unusual activities unknown. As far as can be ascertained he has no radical tendencies. Not known to be a member of any so called un-American organizations. Subject has been in business at 3350 N Damen Avenue, Shooters Supply Company for the past 6 years and is the main support of his mother. As far as can be ascertained this man minds his own business and never has any trouble. This place of business is situated between a tavern on the corner called the SilverCircle Cafe and on the rear of the building by the Army & Navy Camp # 1 and is a World War Veterans Assn. The Shooters Club occupies a half store about 6 feet wide and and about 12 feetlong. The front is used for selling with a small counter and the rear is a workshop bench. Investigation discloses that there is no place in this store for a meeting to be held and there is no basement connected with this store.

RE: COUGHLIN, REV. CHARLES E.
Detroit

Publisher "Social Justice".

Alleged to be in correspondence with William Wernecke, Chgo (q.v.) former G. A. Bund member. See Chgo Tribune Rpt. Aug. 26, 1940.

Received from British Consul. All information based upon newapaper articles or periodicals, which has recommendation of this source of information.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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TEN EICKEN, Ernest A. &
Chicago, Ill.

President of the German-American Alliance; also head of former German War Veterans Organization, which used to hold meetings at the De Paul auditorium, Sheffield & Halsted Sts. C.N.K.*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 26, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: CUSTODIAL DETENTION CARDS
WILLIAM WERNECKE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau teletype of March 3, 1941 to all field offices regarding Internal Security--Custodial Detention.

The following information was obtained from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Chicago, Illinois, pertaining to the above subject.

File No. 4041-30019 disclosed correspondence exchanged between the Springfield Immigration and Naturalization Service office and the Ottawa office of the same service wherein [redacted] claimed that he was born in Germany and was naturalized in the Superior Court of Cook County in the fall of 1910 or 1910. A letter dated August 20, 1940 from Chicago to the Springfield office stated that a thorough search had been made of the naturalization records in Chicago but no record could be found which reflected the naturalization of the subject.

In view of WARNECKE'S contention the Washington Field Division is requested to conduct an investigation at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C. to ascertain whether or not there is any further information available as to the naturalization status of the subject. The Bureau should be advised as to the results of your investigation with copies of your communication directed to this office.

Very truly yours,

WEW:RBH
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W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

LS 62-106

City of Lake Forest
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lake Forest, Illinois

April 26, 1941

Mr. W. S. Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a list of license numbers noted on cars frequenting W. Wernecke's place, 600 Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest, Ill. As a rule there are numerous visitors around there on Sundays and these license numbers are taken at that time.

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My informant is [redacted] who also resides at 600 Waukegan,Rd. Lake Forest, Ill. and is a dentist in this community. He keeps any information strictly confidential and will be glad to help at any time he might be of service to you.

I am sending these with the hope they may be of some value, and will send more if you so desire as I get them. I do not have a file number on Wernecke.

150-114 Ill. 41	M. C. Wernecke, 6250 Wayne Ave. Chicago, Ill. Hudson, motor #E1142165
186-612 Ill. 41	W. Wernecke, 600 Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest, Ill. Terraplane, motor #E350213
963-732 Ill. 41	H. Haupt, 1240 Hoffelder Rd. Glencoe, Ill. Plymouth, motor #P12129235
966-501 Ill. 41	E. Frediani, 715 N. Spaulding Ave. Chicago, Ill. Ford, E1115777 also Pontiac, license # 966-502 Ill. 41, motor # E6251726
791-817 Ill. 41	O. Wergin, 5416 S. Wood St. Chicago, Ill. Chevrolet, motor #E4677094

Yours very truly,

Frank Tiffany
Chief of Police

Alex Brebner
Investigator

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
APR 28 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

(STRICTLY PRIVATE)

Chicago, Illinois
April 30, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR FILES:

RE: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND ACTIVITIES
ESPIONAGE

A photostatic copy of applications for membership in the German American Bund was received from the New York office, which contained the below set out names. Separate files are being opened on each individual, and the original photostat is being retained in the 65-48 file.

Wilhelm Barth
Frederic Wm. Bietau
Jacob Born
A. Cainer
August Coeller
Adolf Gustav Cuethler
Walter Hannan
Edward A. Jersey
George Klotz
Klara Koehler
George Krause
Philipp Krumm
Arthur Albert Kuerth
Harry Menard
Jacob J. Leimann
Reinhold Liebich
Richard H. Liebich
C. P. Lange
Dr. Mallmann
John C. Meissner
John Mueller
Gisela Neumann
Ernst Neumann
Rudolf Nottrodt
Valentin Neubert
Clarence E. Ott
Karl Orth
Martin Ostermaier
Henry Orth
Richard Ohrt
Walter Reinhold
William Stein
B. Stelzner
Martin Sturm
Sturm
Eugene Strehle
Richard F. Starr
Frank Starr
Ernst Scharf
Mathilde Schilling
Ella Schutz
Fritz Vonne
Max Ehrich
Wm. Meyer
Otto Willumeit
Karl Wrage
Erwin Frank
Richard Springman
Willi Mayer
Hugo Walter
Carl Kinseler
Konrad Martin Teubner
Hans Fuller

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 13 1941
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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A copy of this memorandum is being made for the following files:

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W. L. PRICE
Special Agent

City of Lake Forest
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lake Forest, Illinois

June 11, 1941

Mr. William Devereaux
Special Agent in Charge
U. SsDepartment of Justice
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

There has been a man by name of S. Sharf visiting Mr. William Wernecke of 600 North Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest Ill. This man is driving a 1940 Tan colored Studebaker Sedan bearing Illinois license #996-501, license issued to same man at Skokie Ill, formerly Niles Centre, Ill.

Mr. Wernecke is driving a Terraplane bearing Illinois license 186-612. He is planning on moving from 600 N. Waukegan Rd. and is telling people that he is moving to Michigan, but I have learned that he is moving to Huntly Ill.

Trusting this information may be of interest to you, I remain

Yours very truly

Frank Tiffany

Chief of Police

FT:fw.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 12 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 65-582

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Chicago, Illinois	6/20/41	1/15-2/7,3/20, 4/7-28,5/9/41	W. W. GREGORY WWG:KFC

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE with aliases, et al	ESPIONAGE - G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No un-American activities on part of [redacted] learned by Chicago Police Department. LESTER ANDERSEN operates Shooters Supply Company; has good standing in community. Confidential informant "A" reports subjects, WILLIAM and MARTHA WERNECKE promoters of JOINT COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS, 876 North Wells Street; building owned by Mrs. WERNECKE. HARRY KRAUSARE not available for interview. Subject, WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE had no guns at Milburn Farm except those ordinarily used by a hunter; had much Nazi literature there; names of visitors at Milburn Farm, Lake Forest, Illinois, set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. L. [redacted], Chicago, dated February 7, 1941. Letter to Chicago from Los Angeles dated December 26, 1940.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

In accordance with reference letter from the Los Angeles Field Division, investigation is being conducted to determine whether subject violated the Registration Act and leads are being set out to interview subject, WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, concerning literature received by him. This interview is deemed advisable inasmuch as subject on numerous occasions has come into the Chicago Field Division and reported receipt of literature and has stated that he will keep this office informed concerning any printed matter which he receives.

Also, a lead is being set out to determine whether subject, WILLIAM WERNECKE, has registered for the draft, this being in accordance with a memorandum for the file submitted by Special Agent in Charge, W. S. DEVEREAUX, instructing that such steps be taken.

Subject personally appeared on December 20, 1940 at the Chicago Field Office and displayed a copy of the [illegible], issued December 19, 1940, in which appeared an article relative to a raid on the Bund Headquarters, 2455 North Western Avenue, Chicago, which article listed the name of WERNECKE and his telephone number. Subject stated that the purpose of his visit was to inform this office how his name happened to be in any material found at Bund Headquarters. He stated that approximately a year before this time, he had attended several Bund meetings and inasmuch as his home telephone was unlisted, he had furnished it to someone at the Bund Headquarters in case any of his friends desired to contact him at any time.

On September 11, 1940, EDWARD E MACK, 209 South LaSalle

Street, reported that his son, EDWARD MACK, JR., became acquainted with one HERBERT HAUPT who is described as twenty-two years of age; 5'10"; 140 lbs.; slender but muscular build; blonde hair; bushy eyebrows; brown eyes and tan complexion. MACK'S son and HAUPT have become quite good friends, but Mr. MACK is a little suspicious of HAUPT for several reasons.

HAUPT is supposed to be a friend of BILL WERNECKE and claims to own a farm in joint tenancy with WERNECKE called Meadowside which is located in Lake Forest, Illinois. HAUPT has told MACK, JR. that he got his share in this farm as a result of a favor performed for someone in Germany. HAUPT also told MACK, JR. that he worked for the Simmons Company, a company which grinds lenses and is similar to Zeiss, Bausch and Laumb.

Among other things he has told MACK, JR. that he has worked on the new bomb-site that is being used by the Army Air Corps. MACK stated that if further information concerning HAUPT or WERNECKE is desired, he believes his son would be in a position to obtain it.

On January 20, 1941 an anonymous telephone call was received at the Chicago Field Division. The caller stated that he had learned from a reliable source that Mrs. WERNECKE has a safety deposit box at the Bank of Montreal, 21 South LaSalle Street. The maker of the telephone call refused to divulge his identity but stated that the information furnished by him was reliable.

On February 18, 1941, a report was received from JAMES BOWMAN advising that WILLIAM WERNECKE'S correct address

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was 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, instead of 6320 Wayne Avenue. He is a registered voter and has been most active in Bund activities which are especially carried on at a farm in this State where target practice is engaged in by members of the Bund. He also was affiliated with FATHER COUGHLIN in aiding and carrying on anti-Semitic propaganda.

The following report was received from the Chicago Police Department under date of March 19, 1941 concerning [redacted] and SHOOTERS SUPPLY COMPANY. The investigation was conducted by Patrolman S. GIOSH:

[redacted], American of Danish descent, United States citizen born in Chicago, Illinois, 511 North Ashland Avenue. Store on the first floor, flat on second floor. Red brick building. Lives on the second floor. Home phone Haymarket 0235. Business phone Franklin 2003. Chairman of Investigation of Rescue Committee for the Illinois Citizens Animal Welfare, Inc., and has store on the first floor of 511 North Ashland Avenue. The sign painted on this window reads [redacted] Receiving Stations for Lost, Unwanted and Abandoned Animals". On the door of these premises is painted "Viola Lawson, Mgr., 1711 N. Canada De Paseque, Asst.". On the opposite window of this store is a sign in the window "The war does not excuse us from obligations to the animals".

[redacted] is [redacted] of age, [redacted] lbs., [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes and heavy build. Not known if subject has an automobile. No record at BCI&S or Industrial Squad. As far as can be ascertained character and reputation considered good. Standing in the community and credit record are good. Employment record, reputation

of friends, principles for which she stands, unusual activities, membership in any un-American organizations and any radical tendencies unknown.

Checked with Miss Callahan of the Assn. of Commerce and she states that they know nothing about the Illinois Citizens Animal Welfare, Inc. Only recently they wrote to the Assn. of Commerce and asked why they were not listed. Subject has lived for the past six years at 511 North Ashland Avenue with Mrs. P. Garcia De Rosique. She formerly lived at 1506 West Erie Street. She is very much attached to her work and from information received from Honorable Alfred O. Erickson, 30 North LaSalle Street, Franklin 4199, who is attorney for this organization, she is a fanatic about dogs.

SHOOTERS SUPPLY COMPANY, 3350 North Damen Avenue. The owner of subject company is LESTER ANDERSON, Swedish descent, American citizen, residing at 3517 North Damen Avenue, second floor, a two-story frame house. Lives with his mother. No home phone. Business phone is Capitol 2053 listed to Shooters Supply Company. Subject is a gunsmith and owns his own business. Single and living with his mother. ANDERSON is thirty-seven years old, 6'0", 190 lbs., medium build, fair complexion, brown wavy hair, brown eyes, wears glasses occasionally. ANDERSON has a green Ford V8, 1941 license number 770 225. No record at BCI&S or Industrial Squad. Reputation, standing in the community and credit record are good. Employment record is unknown. Reputation of friends is good. Principles for which he stands and any unusual activities unknown. As far as can be ascertained, he has no radical tendencies. Not known to be a member of any so-called un-American organizations.

ANDERSON has been in business at 3350 North Damen Avenue,

SHOOTERS SUPPLY COMPANY for the past six years and is the main support of his mother. As far as can be ascertained this man minds his own business and never has any trouble. This place of business is situated between a tavern on the corner called the Silver Circle Cafe and on the rear of the building by the Army and Navy Camp No. 1 which is a World War Veterans' Association. The Shooters Club occupies a half store about six feet wide and about twelve feet long. The front is used for selling with a small counter and the rear is a workshop bench. Investigation discloses that there is no place in this store for a meeting to be held and there is no basement connected with this store.

From confidential informant "A", whose identity is known to the BUREAU, a report was received stating that WILLIAM and MARTHA WERNECKE are the promoters of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations which meets at 876 North Wells Street, Chicago; building owned by Mrs. Clara Wernecke; WILLIAM WERNECKE reported arrested in Silver Shirt riots in Chicago; son of Mrs. Wernecke who is employed by Standard Oil Company, Chicago.

On April 26, 1941, a letter was directed to the Washington Field Division requesting that an investigation be conducted at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C., to ascertain whether or not there is any further information available as to the naturalization status of the subject. The information received from the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Chicago, pertaining to the subject is as follows:

File No. 4041-30919 disclosed correspondence exchanged between the Springfield Immigration and Naturalization

Service Office and the Chicago Office of the same service wherein WERNECKE claimed that he was born in Germany and was naturalized in the Superior Court of Cook County in the fall of 1918 or 1919. A letter dated August 20, 1940 from Chicago to the Springfield Immigration and Naturalization Service Office stated that a thorough search had been made of the naturalization records in Chicago, but no record could be found which reflected the naturalization of subject.

On April 28, 1941, a letter was received from Mr. FRANK TIFFANY, Chief of Police, City of Lake Forest, Illinois, enclosing a list of license numbers with the names of the owners. The numbers were noted on cars frequenting the WILLIAM WERNECKE farm, 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois and were taken down on Sundays.

150-114 Ill. 41 — M. C. Wernecke, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Hudson, motor #[illegible]1142165

186-612 Ill. 41 — W. Wernecke, 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois, terraplane, motor #[illegible]13

953-732 Ill. 41 — H. Haupt, 1240 Hoffelder Road, Glencoe, Illinois, Plymouth, motor #[illegible]

966-501 Ill. 41 — E. Frediani, 715 N. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Ford, E1115777, also Pontiac, license #966-502, Ill. 41, motor #E6251726

791-817 Ill. 41 — O. Wergin, 5416 S. Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, Chevrolet, motor #E4677094

From Mrs. E. SHIPPEY, 711 North Dearborn Street, telephone

Delaware 6680, Agent learned that Mr. HARRY KRAUSARE had moved from 717 North Dearborn about six months ago. When he left he gave no forwarding address and Mrs. SHIPPEY stated that she believed him to be somewhere in the south. He was in Chicago around the first part of May and stopped in to see Mrs. SHIPPEY for a few minutes. He did not say where he was going nor where he was then living. Mrs. SHIPPEY stated that KRAUSARE drops in whenever he is in Chicago, but that he never gives an address. She expressed the opinion that he will probably be back in the near future and she advised that she will have him call the Chicago Office when she sees him. Mrs. SHIPPEY stated that KRAUSARE never goes back to 717 North Dearborn Street as he had some trouble with the owner just before he left.

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[redacted] telephone Englewood [redacted] was interviewed and gave the following information:

WILLIAM WERNECKE rented the Milburn Farm from Mrs. EDITH LESLIE BAUER, who had bought out the interests of Mr. AUSTIN MILLACK. KELLY is colored and during the time when WILLIAM WERNECKE was using the Milburn Farm, he worked at the Hunt Club located on this farm. He said that he left on Sunday evenings and returned on Tuesday mornings, so he had no idea as to what happened at the farm during the time he was gone. He never heard WILLIAM WERNECKE speak German and stated that WERNECKE had a Miss MARSHALL translate from German for him. KELLY stated that Miss MARSHALL has since died. At this time, according to KELLY, WERNECKE had pictures of Hitler around the house and had very much Nazi literature.

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[redacted] stated further that he did not go out to the farm until August 20, 1940, so that he had no idea as to the activities there during the summer months. He saw no guns there except those ordinarily used by a hunter, but said there were rooms in the house into which none of the servants were allowed entrance.

[redacted] advised that the farm on which WERNECKE is now located is owned by Mr. CLIFFORD LEONARD who has been known to [redacted] for about twenty years. [redacted] said that LEONARD may be living in Lake Forest, Illinois, now and that he had offices in Chicago under the name of LEONARD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. [redacted] also suggested that Mr. GREELEY, Real Estate Department, First National Bank, 38 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, might know something about WERNECKE'S activities.

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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether subject, WILLIAM WERNECKE, is registered with State Department as an Agent of a Foreign Principle.

* Will, as requested in Chicago letter dated April 26, 1941, conduct investigation at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization to ascertain whether or not there is any further information available as to the naturalization status of subject.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

* Will report further results of investigation being conducted by Sheriff THOMAS E. KENNEDY, National Police Academy Graduate, Waukegan, Illinois, and Chief of Police, FRANK TIFFANY, Lake Forest, Illinois.

* Will report the results of further investigation being conducted by the Chief of Police at Skokie, Illinois.

✓ Will at local Draft Board No. 75, 6459 Sheridan Road, Chicago, telephone Ambassador 2693, determine whether subject is registered under the Selective Service and Training Act.

Will interview subject concerning literature received

by him to determine the kind and amounts and also obtain copies of literature. It is noted in reference letter from the Los Angeles Field Division that subject is one who has received over one hundred copies of literature.

Will at the Bank of Montreal, 21 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, conduct appropriate investigation to determine all available information concerning the safety deposit box reported owned by Mrs. WERNECKE.

Will interview the Mr. GREELEY, Real Estate Department, First National Bank, 38 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, to develop any information he may have concerning subject and his activities.

Will interview Mr. EDWARD E. MACK, JR., 209 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, concerning any information he may be able to furnish about subject.

Will interview Mr. CLIFFORD LECHARD, 37 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, to determine what information he may have concerning any activities of subject. It is noted that MR. LECHARD is the owner of the farm now occupied by [redacted] according to information furnished this office by [redacted]

PENDING

Chicago, Illinois,
July 3, 1941.

Visited the building at 30 North LaSalle and found that William L. Wernecke had occupied offices there for a number of years along with Bertha Wernecke.

As there was no one in the office enquiries were made and it was learned that Mr. Wernecke had not been in the building for about three months but that Bertha Wernecke comes in occasionally. Her last visit was about three weeks ago when she stayed only an hour or so.

There was no mention of any illness by building employees in connection with these tenants. Rent is being paid and there is no indication that the offices will be vacated.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

DR. SAMUEL J. MARK
Physician and Surgeon
4753 Broadway
CHICAGO

July 11, 1941

TO Whom This May Concern:-

Mr. Wm. Wernecke has been [illegible]

for the past 6 mos during which time he has been bed ridden

and in need of constant attention. His sister Bertha who

is 60 yrs of age has been taking care of him constantly.

In view of the age and frail health of Miss Bertha Wernecke

I believe that she is to be relieved of taking care of her

brother, this relief coming from the aid of her sister Martha.

This relief is absolutely vital for at least one month.

Yours truly,

/s/ Samuel J. Mark, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FILE

G. O. 429

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

(INDIANA)

FRANK V. MARTINEK,
ASST. VICE PRESIDENT

910 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILL.

July 17, 1941

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. W. S. Devereaux,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Devereaux:

As per our many telephone conversations, I am sending herewith copy of the letter from Dr. Samuel J. Mark re the request by Martha Wernecke for a leave of absence of one month. Today the leave of absence was approved covering the period July 21 to August 17, 1941.

Attached also find report re inquiry made at brother's office.

If there is anything further you desire in connection with this I will send it to you.

Yours very truly,

F. V. Martinek

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Mr. W. S. Devereaux,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Bill:

Supplementing my letter of yesterday, I am sending herewith a list showing where Mrs. Martha Wernecke can be found during her leave of absence from the company. She advised that she can be found at these addresses any time we want to reach her.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

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JUL 19 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
FILE

Mrs. Martha E. Hermes - Telephones

Martha Hermes

6750 Wayne ave

Phone Briargate 8874

Wm Hermes

1347 N. Ebey St

Phone Parkingham 1573

Martha Hermes

1347 N. Ebey St

Phone Graceland 0840

POST OFFICE BOX 812
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 23, 1941

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Frank V. Martinek
Assistant Vice President
Standard Oil Company of Indiana
910 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Martinek:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 18, 1941, wherein you furnish a list of addresses at which Mrs. Martha Wernecke can be reached while on leave of absence.

Your courtesy in making this information available is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[redacted],
Special Agent in Charge.

WSD:MG

65-582-115

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

August 13, 1941

Honorable Frank Tiffany
Chief of Police
Lake Forest, Illinois

Re: Our File No. 65-582

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your last letter furnished information concerning William Wernecke, 600 North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois.

It is believed that this man has registered with the Selective Service board at Lake Forest, Illinois. Will you kindly conduct investigation at your Local Draft Board to determine whether Wernecke has registered there, and if so, obtain all other information available.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed franked envelop which requires no postage. When making your reply, kindly refer to our file No. 65-582.

Your cooperation and assistance in this as well as other matters is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX
Special Agent in Charge

Enc.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FILE NO. 65-582

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	8/13/41	6/12/41; 7/14,16,17, 22,23/41	W. W. GREGORY WWG:RBH

TITLE
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
with aliases, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject [redacted] reported moving from farm in Lake Forest, Illinois. Not registered with Selective Service Act in district covering address, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago. Subject WERNECKE interviewed, stated last package of literature from Germany retained by Post Office. Received package in March, 1941 containing 30 copies. Is anti-British and anti-Semetic but professes Americanism. MRS. MARTHA WERNECKE has no safe deposit box at Bank of Montreal but does maintain savings account. H. HAUPT, friend of WERNECKE, expresses pro-Nazi sympathies.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY at Chicago, Illinois, dated June 20, 1941.

Details: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

On June 12, 1941 the following letter was received from FRANK TIFFANY, Chief of Police at Lake Forest, Illinois:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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"There has been a man by name of S. SHARF visiting MR. WILLIAM WERNECKE of 600 North Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest, Ill. This man is driving a 1940 Tan colored Studebaker Sedan bearing Illinois license #996-501, license issued to same man at Skokie, Ill., formerly Niles Centre, Ill.

"MR. WERNECKE is driving a Terraplane bearing Illinois license #186-612. He is planning on moving from 600 N. Waukegan Rd. and is telling people that he is moving to Michigan, but I have learned that he is moving to Huntly, Ill.

"Trusting this information may be of interest to you, I remain . . ."

Source of Information No. 1 advised that WERNECKE is presently occupying a farm on North Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois, which is owned by the Leonard Construction Company. This farm was taken under a one year lease which expired on April 30, 1941. WERNECKE rented a horse barn and adjoining property but does not occupy the entire farm. There are three cottages on the farm which are rented to the following people:

1st cottage - DR. and MRS. YOUNG
2nd cottage - RICHARD B. HARRISON
3rd cottage - MR. LEONARD LEVING.

On May 2, 1941 [redacted] wrote that he had bought a farm in Michigan and that he would be ready to move from the Leonard farm about the last of May. According to Source of Information No. 1, WERNECKE has cause trouble practically ever since he entered into occupancy. He keeps from fifteen to twenty horses, a bull, and dogs. The horses and bull have caused damage to fences and small trees. The dogs bark at night causing complaints from the other tenants. For these reasons, Source of Information No. 1 advised that the Leonard Construction Company has tried to get WERNECKE off the farm since the first of the year.

WERNECKE does not live on the place and only goes there on weekends, having a man on the farm to take care of the stock. According to the Source of Information, WERNECKE recently

discharged this man.

Another reason for wanting WERNECKE off the farm is that crowds of people come up on weekends and they all seem to be Germans and not "the right kind of people".

Source of Information No. 1 advised that WERNECKE has always been very pleasant in conversation but that he has heard that he is pro-Nazi in his sympathies.

Source of Information No. 2 stated that WERNECKE had leased the Millburn farm from the First National Bank which was the trustee of an estate. He said that WERNECKE had been on this farm for about four or five years and that he had moved about one year ago. It was his belief that WERNECKE'S mother paid the rent for the farm and that she finances most of his activities. This Source of Information advised that he visited the farm on different Saturdays during the time when WERNECKE occupied it and that he had an opportunity to look over the premises. On the second floor in WERNECKE'S bedroom, this individual saw a large swastika flag which covered one wall.

[redacted] wanted to loan the book MEIN KAMPF to the wife of Source of Information No. 2 and wanted to sell her a history of the Roosevelt family to show that the President is Jewish. On these occasions [redacted] spoke in a very anti-Semetic vein stating that the Jews are no good and that our government is run by Jews. He was very careful in what he said and never expressed any leaning toward Germany.

On the farm WERNECKE kept ten or fifteen horses for riding and had his friends come to the farm to ride. On the days when the Source of Information visited the farm three or four of these people would be there, but the neighbors told him that on Sundays there would be ten or twenty.

Source of Informantion No. 2 mentioned that just before WERNECKE moved that he saw a box of dynamite about three-quarters full in the barn and that in the house were caps and fuses. He said that WERNECKE could have no use for this on

the farm as there was nothing to do which required the use of dynamite. When WERNECKE moved he took this dynamite with him. The dynamite was kept in the hayloft of the barn.

The agent contacted MR. J. J. WEILER, Selective Service Board No. 75, 6471 North Sheridan Road, who advised that this board which covered the address at 6250 Wayne Avenue, has no record of WILLIAM WERNECKE. In view of this fact it is believed that WERNECKE has registered at Lake Forest, Illinois, and an attempt will be made to verify this.

Since WERNECKE has advised the Chicago Field Division on several occasions and has stated that he would keep the office advised as to literature received by him from Germany, it was believed that WERNECKE could be interviewed using this as a basis. The agent contacted WILLIAM WERNECKE at his home, 6250 Wayne Avenue, and WERNECKE produced about fifteen pieces of propaganda. These were in the form of books showing pictures and describing life and progress in Germany. Only one copy of these was shown to the agent and WERNECKE stated that he has only one copy of each. The last package of literature which came from Germany was delivered to the Clinton Street Post Office in April of this year and WERNECKE was called to the Post Office when this was received. The package was about 18 inches long and 7 or 8 inches high. When WERNECKE went to the Post Office, he was told that he could not have the package [illegible] as it contained propaganda. The last package actually received by WERNECKE was in March of this year and contained thirty copies of literature, from Germany. WERNECKE stated that most of this literature was loaned to friends and that most of it had been returned to him.

WERNECKE said that he had received this literature by sending a post card to an information agency in Germany. He had asked for some literature on Germany and had received all as shown above as a result of the post card.

According to WERNECKE he receives this literature and keeps it merely for study. He said that he has on different occasions expressed sympathy for Germany but that these occasions were before any thought of America's entry into the war was believed possible. He does believe that the Germans' cause is right and that Germany should win the war and defeat England. However, he was born in this country as was his mother,

and he feels that as soon as sympathy for a foreign country involved feeling against the United States, he can no longer express this sympathy. He explained that he naturally placed the United States before Germany or any foreign country.

WERNECKE spoke very strongly against the Jews blaming them for the present war and for the First World War. He said that the purpose of the entire Jewish race is to degrade the gentile people and to exercise control over them. He has no desire to see any member of the Jewish race actually hurt physically, but feels that in the next thirty years the gentile people of the United States will realize the conditions as they are and will revolt against the Jews. WERNECKE did not become excited in talking about this question but appeared to be very cool and to have thought out the problem rationally.

WERNECKE also expressed a feeling against the Masons saying that they are Jewish controlled and are run for the benefit of Jews. WERNECKE also spoke strongly against the English saying that the British Empire is a detriment to the rest of the world and that before there can be peace and happiness among all the people, the British Empire must be broken down. He said that this would be accomplished by Hitler.

WERNECKE brought up the name of the man who had worked for him on the farm stating that he had stolen things from him, these being saddles, blankets, et cetera. He dismissed this man on June 7, 1941, but could not obtain his address from him. He said that he had reported this matter to the police but that nothing could be done as he had probably disposed of most of the articles already. This man is one HERBERT LIEHR. WERNECKE said that he furnished this information because he felt that this man might give information against him because of his dismissal.

WERNECKE mentioned the arsenal which he is supposed to have on the farm and stated that he would show this to the agent. He showed seven guns, these including two shot guns all being very old weapons. He said that these guns comprise his fire arms and that he has never had any more guns and has never had any organization which used them as he has been accused of doing.

The agent contacted Source of Information No. 3 with reference to the safe deposit box which was supposed to be maintained by MRS. MARTHA WERNECKE, mother of WILLIAM WERNECKE. Source of Information No. 3 advised that the bank has no safe deposit boxes but that securities are accepted for safe keeping. However, MRS. WERNECKE has no securities in the bank but she does maintain a savings account and in the name of MARTHA CLARE WERNECKE. She is a clerk in the Standard Oil Company. Her account was opened in June, 1933 and in 1938 was as high as $4,000. It is now approximately $1,000. Most of the deposits are dividend checks from stocks.

Source of Information No. 3 stated that one thing which aroused his suspicions as to MRS. WERNECKE was the fact that about 1933 she brought in a large sum of Swiss francs which she exchanged. She made a profit on this and the amount was several thousand dollars. One JOHN AZZATO, a bailiff in one of the courts, has the power of attorney to sign in MRS. WERNECKE'S account. She is always with this man.

Source of Information No. 4 advised that he met H. HAUPT as HAUPT had been in the United States for about eight weeks. HAUPT told him that his father was a contractor, in Minneapolis and that he lived with the FISCHERS in Glencoe, Illinois. Source of Information No. 4 later learned that HAUPT'S father and mother are chauffeur and cook at the FISCHERS. One night at the home of the Source of Information No. 4, HAUPT told what he thought of Hitler stating that his ideas were right, that he has done good for Germany, and that he should win. HAUPT also said that he worked on a secret bomb-sight and that he has worked for the Simmons Company which grinds lenses.

On one occasion HAUPT took this Source of Information to BILL WERNECKE'S farm and he met WERNECKE. He spoke about going to the farm to ride and on many occasions he would say that he was going to the farm but that it would be better for the Source of Information to wait until a later time to go along.

HAUPT also wanted to take him to different meetings but inasmuch as he had no interest in the matter at that time, he did not attend any of these meetings.

Source of Information No. 4 stated that he has not seen HAUPT for several months but that he will try to get in touch with him again and attempt to obtain information concerning HAUPT and WILLIAM WERNECKE.

Source of Information No. 5 on July 18, 1941 by letter advised that MARTHA WERNECKE had applied for leave of absence from July 21, 1941 to August 17, 1941 and that this had been approved on July 17, 1941. He enclosed the following report from DR. SAMUEL J. MARK, M. D., 4753 Broadway, and a report regarding inquiry made at office of WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, 30 North La Salle Street:

" MR. WILLIAM WERNECKE has been ill for the past 6 weeks during which time he has been bed ridden and in need of constant attention. His sister BERTHA is 68 years of age has been taking care of him constantly. In view of the age and frail health of MISS BERTHA WERNECKE I believe that she is to be relieved of taking care of her brother, this relief coming from the aid of her sister MARTHA. This relief is absolutely vital for at least one month."

"Visited the building at 30 North La Salle and found that WILLIAM L. WERNECKE had occupied offices there for a number of years along with BERTHA WERNECKE.

"As there was no one in the office inquiries were made and it was learned that MR. WERNECKE had not been in the building for about three months but that BERTHA WERNECKE comes in occasionally. Her last visit was about three weeks ago when she stayed only an hour or so.

"There was no mention of any illness by building employees in connection with these tenants. Rent is being paid and there is no indication that the offices will be vacated."

It is noted that when the agent interviewed William L. Wernecke, at his home on July 22, 1941 that WERNECKE was dressed and did not appear ill and that he spoke of going

to the farm and tending the stock and of moving from the farm.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

* Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether subject, WILLIAM WERNECKE, is registered with State Department as an Agent of a Foreign Principle.

* Will, as requested in Chicago letter dated April 26, 1941, conduct investigation at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization to ascertain whether or not there is any further information available as to the naturalization status of subject.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

* Will report further results of investigation being conducted by Sheriff THOMAS E. KENNEDY, National Police Academy Graduate, Waukegan, Illinois, and Chief of Police, FRANK TIFFANY, Lake Forest, Illinois.

* Will report the results of further investigation being conducted by the Chief of Police at Peoria, Illinois.

Will re-contact Source of Information No. 4 to obtain from him all information available concerning H. HAUPT and WILLIAM WERNECKE.

Will at 30 North La Salle Street determine the nature of the business conducted at this place in the office occupied by WILLIAM L. WERNECKE and BERTHA WERNECKE.

P E N D I N G .

The sources of information referred to in the report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY dated at Chicago, Illinois, August 15, 1941 in the case entitled "WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE with aliases et al, ESPIONAGE - G", are as follows:

No. 1 - [redacted] of the Leonard Construction Company, 37 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

No. 2 - [redacted] Farm Loan Department of the First National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, 33 South Dearborn Street.

No. 3 - [redacted] Assistant Manager, Bank of Montreal, 21 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. b6 b7C b7D

No. 4 - [redacted] South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, who met H. HAUPT while MACK was life guard at Glencoe beach.

No. 5 - [redacted] Standard Oil Company, 910 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Assistant Vice President.

City of Lake Forest
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lake Forest, Illinois

August 23, 1941

Mr. A. H. Johnson
Acting Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Ill.

Re: Your File No. 65-582

Dear Sir:

Regarding William Bernard Wernecke, 600 Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest, Ill. the following information copied from his Selective Service Questionnaire at Lake County Board #2, Village Hall, 116 W. Cook St. Libertyville, Ill.

His Order #1108, Serial #266, Classification 4D,

No telephone number, no social security number, has not notified Board of his change of address, no longer living at the Lake Forest address, now living on farm somewhere near Huntley, Ill.

Physical condition. Partial deafness, nryocardial damage, intestinal disorders.

Education. 8 yrs. elemantary school, 4 yrs high school. Additional

Central YMCA College	Liberal Arts	3yrs.
Moody Bible Institute	Christian evidences	1 yr.
Christian Ministry College	religion	6 mos.

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The following are letters submitted by Wernecke to the Draft Board relative his physical condition.

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City of Lake Forest
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lake Forest, Illinois

Office Sheldrake 9000 Res. Hollycourt 0065

Garland F. Pfeiffer
Osteopathic Physician
2349 Devon Ave. Chicago, Ill.

To whom it may concern: Mr. Wm. Wernecke has been a patient of mine for six years. He has otoschlerosis of his right and left ears and his hearing is about 20 per cent in each ear. He has a tendancy to severe colds, sinuitis in both frontal and maxillary sinuses.

Because of his age and present physical condition, I believe he should be deferred. He is still under my professional care and should report to me every few weeks.
Notarized and signed by above.

J. Bailey Carter M.D.
4752 Broadway
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Wm. Wernecke- Dr. Corrao
Rate is 60 80 per minute
Normal sinus mechanism
Normal axis deviation
P wave is upright in all leads
P-R interval is 0.19 second in duration
QRS complex is slurred in all leads
Low voltage is present
QRS interval is 0.04 - 0.07 second in duration
ST interval is isoelectric in all leads
T wave is practically isoelectric in all leads
T wave is practically isoelectric in leads 1 and 2 upright in lead 2
Companion chest leads tend toward coronary type
Comment: The above graphic alterations are indicative of myocardial damage, with considerable myocardial exhaustion. Another record after proper interval for comparison would be of value.

Agricultural Occupations. I work on or operate a farm as unpaid family worker. I have farmed for 8 yrs. I do live on the farm with which I am connected. I am actually and personally responsible for the operation of the farm on which I work. The principal crops and livestock of the farm I operate or work on are, Alfalfa 40 acres, Potatoes 1 acre, Oats 10 acres, horses 10 head, 12 head Dairy Cattle. Number of hands employed on farm 1.

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I am single, have no children.

Minister or student preparing for the Ministry. I am a minister of religion. I do customarily serve as a minister. I have been a minister of the Allied Christian Management Army since 4/27/41. I have been formally ordained on 4/27/41, by Fred Simpson Brown at Chicago, Ill. I am attending the Moody Bible Inst. and Christian Ministry College which was established before Sept. 16, 1939 and is located at Chicago.

Citizenship. I was born at Chicago, Ill. Cook Co. I was born on Jan. 21, 1907, white a citizen of the U. S.

Conscientious objection to war. I am conscientiously opposed ~~to~~ by reason of my religious training and belief, to both Combatant Military Service and Noncombatant Military Service.

I have not been convicted of treason or a felony.

Registrants statement regarding classification. My opinion that my class should be 3 or 4. I believe that my induction should be deferred according to law because I am an ordained minister and at present a theological student.

Statement to explain reason for expecting to be placed in Class 3. My family consists of my mother, age 54 yrs. a widow for 29 years and myself. She maintains a home for herself in Chicago where I spend some of my time to keep her company and assist her in taking care of some pieces of property she has title to on account of them all being old they seem to need considerable attention. I have made my home on farms she has operated for the past 8 yrs. and have acted as manager. My mother had an accident 7 yrs. ago in which her feet were badly injured. She had varicose veins for years and although they were treated quite succesfully her limbs still give her trouble. Because of these two conditions she can not be on her feet much. While she does not depend on me for financial support it is necessary that I attend to the repairs and collect rents or the property would be non-income bearing and a complete capital loss to us.

Hoping this is the information desired, and assuring you of our cooperation.

Submitted by Alex Brebner NPA
Investigator

Frank Tiffany
Frank Tiffany
Chief of Police

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

September 19, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE,
with aliases, et al.
ESPIONAGE - G.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY dated at Chicago, Illinois August 15, 1941, and to the leads contained therein for the Washington Field Division.

No information has been developed as to any violation by the subject, WILLIAM WERNECKE of the Registration Act. It has been determined that WILLIAM WERNECKE was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 21, 1907.

In view of the above facts it will be unnecessary for the Washington Field Division to cover the leads set forth in the reference report.

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Very truly yours,

A. H. JOHNSON,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. 65-582

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	10/3/41	8/19,20,22,26/ 9/11/41	W. W. GREGORY WWG:RBH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, alias "Hitler"; MARTHA C. WERNECKE, with aliases: Mrs. Wernecke, "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop"; ERNEST SCHARF, alias "Goering"; MARCELIA, alias "Mousie"; FRANZ; YACQUI	ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Uncle of WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE operates real estate business at 30 North La Salle Street. Contents of Selective Service Questionnaire of WILLIAM WERNECKE set out. No evidence of violation of Registration Act.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY at Chicago, Illinois dated August 13, 1941.

Details: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. L. M. ACKLEY, Manager of the building at 30 North La Salle Street, was contacted and he advised that Room 827 in this building has been rented to WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, 1347 West Eddy Street, for approximately 14 years. WILLIAM L. WERNECKE occupies this room with his sister, BERTHA L. WERNECKE, their business consisting of property management and real estate loans. They have no other persons working for them. They manage their own properties and make some loans on real estate. They have always been prompt in payment

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of rent, but the office has never been very active. The tenants come in for a couple of hours each day and then leave. The sister is a retired school teacher and is the younger of these two individuals.

According to MR. ACKLEY, WILLIAM L. WERNECKE does not appear to be a strong man. MR. ACKLEY furnished the following description of WILLIAM L. WERNECKE:

Age	60 - 65
Height	6'
Weight	180 -190 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black with gray, kinky
Complexion	Ruddy
Teeth	Several missing
Peculiarities	Careless about his appearance.

MISS FAY RUBENZIK, Manager of the building at 1347 West Eddy Street, advised that WILLIAM L. WERNECKE has resided in this building for eight or nine years and occupies apartment #25. During the past six months, he has been very ill. His sister, MISS BERTHA WERNECKE, who occupies apartment #33, has nursed him during most of this illness.

MR. WERNECKE has another sister in Chicago who takes care of him on occasion. MR. [redacted] is almost 70 years old and is not married. [redacted] WERNECKE has a good reputation and has never given any indication of being pro-Nazi.

The writer contacted MR. EDWARD E. MACK, father of EDWARD E. MACK, JR., and from him learned that his son has joined the Navy and thus could be of no further aid in this matter.

Arrangements were made to contact MR. C. M. WENZEL, Assistant Postmaster, Chicago, and MR. WENZEL advised that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE has no local box at the New Post Office Building. It is noted that WERNECKE in a prior interview stated that he received mail at a local box at the Post Office.

The writer contacted MR. LAMPERT, United States Customs,

at the New Post Office Building, and from him learned that the last record of any receipt of literature by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE was on January 16, 1941. This was a package which was not marked regularly and which WERNECKE had to mark "Made in Germany" before lifting the package.

MR. LAMPERT advised that shortly after this, the order was forwarded from the Post Office Department to stop all literature in the nature of propaganda. For this reason, MR. LAMPERT stated it would hardly be possible for the subject to receive any more propaganda through the mails.

On August 26, 1941 a letter was received from FRANK TIFFANY, Chief of Police, Lake Forest, Illinois, setting forth information contained on the Selective Service Questionnaire of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, returned to the Lake County Board No. 2, Village Hall, 116 North Cook Street, Libertyville, Illinois.

His Order number is 1108 and his serial number is 266, Cassification IV-D. There was no telephone number given, and no Social Security number given. He has not notified his board of his change of address and is no longer living at the Lake Forest address, but is living on a farm somewhere near Huntley, Illinois.

Under physical condition the following were given: Partial deafness, myocardial damage, intestinal disorders.

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8 years elementary school, 4 years high school.
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"Office Sheldrake 9000 Res. Hollycourt 0065

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4755 Broadway
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Conscientious objection to war: "I am conscientiously opposed by reason of my religious training and belief, to both Combatant Military Service and Noncombatant Military Service."

"I have not been convicted of treason or a felony."

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she can not be on her feet much. While she does not depend on me for financial support, it is necessary that I attend to the repairs and collect rents or the property would be non-income bearing and a complete capital loss to us."

No further results have been obtained of investigation being conducted by Sheriff THOMAS E. KENNEDY, N. P. A., Waukegan, Illinois, or the Chief of Police at Skokie, Illinois.

It appears that all logical leads in this case have been covered, and no evidence of any violation of the Internal Revenue has been developed; therefore, a letter has been directed to the Washington Field Division advising that it will not be necessary to cover the leads set out in the reference report and this case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE with aliases, et al	ESPIONAGE - G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Search of files of Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization fail to produce any record of subject. Investigation discontinued on advice from the office of origin that subject was born in the United States.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY dated June 20, 1941 at Chicago, Illinois; letter from Chicago Field Division to Washington Field Division dated September 19, 1941.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by JOHN C. WELCH, special employee attached to the Washington Field Division.

A search of the files of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization was made for any record of subject, with negative results. In view of the information contained in the letter from Acting Special Agent in Charge A. H. JOHNSON of the Chicago Field Division dated September 19, 1941 to the Special Agent in Charge, Washington, D.C., which advised that subject was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 21, 1907, no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

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Chicago, Illinois
November 18, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: WILLIAM L. WERNECKE

Attached hereto is a copy of information concerning the above-named Subject, which was furnished to the Writer by FRANK E. NORTHCUTT, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. DESMOND
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Chicago, Illinois
December 3, 1941

MEMO FOR FILE 65-582

At 8:30 a.m., November 10, 1941, an anonymous telephone call was received from a man who stated that one MARCELLA MISAVICE was being detained against her will at 6341 Greenview Avenue on the third floor, c/o COYNE. He would not reveal his name nor would he give any additional information but requested that an investigation be made. This information was telephonically turned over to Sergeant E. J. MC NALLY of the Summerdale Police who stated that the matter would be looked into.

On November 13th, Officer Perry of the Summerdale Police Station telephonically advised the writer that he had contacted MR. and MRS. WILLIAM D. COYNE at 6341 Greenview Avenue, and determined that MARCELLA MISAVICE was not at that address but that previously she had lived with WILLIAM B. WERNECKE and his mother, MARTHA, subject of file 65-582, about five years and had recently run away from them when he, WERNECKE, molested her. He also stated that WERNECKE was engaged in Pro-German activities and that MARCELLA MISAVICE could furnish considerable information regarding these activities. Accordingly, Officer PERRY was requested to have MARCELLA MISAVICE and the COYNES call at this office if they could furnish any specific information concerning WERNECKE.

On November 15, 1941, MR. and MRS. COYNE and MISS ALICE JOCKEY, Mrs. COYNE's sister and MISS MARCELLA MISAVICE, aged 21, called at this office and in the course of a lengthy interview supplied the following information.

When she was thirteen years of age, MISS MISAVICE went to work as a domestic on the farm of the WERNECKES at Libertyville, Illinois, called Hawthorn Farm. She stayed with them for about two years and then returned to live with her parents at Prairie View, Illinois because of the brutal manner in which WERNECKE had treated his housekeeper, one MONA MARSHALL. During this period WERNECKE frequently visited at the MISAVICE hom and attempted to induce MARCELLA to return and live with him. When she was seventeen, as a result of threats and violence, she returned to live with WERNECKE and his mother in their apartment at 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago. She stated that she lived with them continuously from that time until about October 15, 1941. MISS MISAVICE stayed WITH WERNECKE because she was afraid to leave him as he beat her frequently.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILL.

Memo for File 65-582
12/3/41

MISS MISAVICE advised that WERNECKE was out-spoken, Pro-Nazi, and engaged in numerous un-American activities such as receiving literature, possessing arms, making speeches and having meetings. She stated that he was a member of the Silver Shirts and German American Bund and that he had discussed assassinating the President of the United States. She stated that he knew the facts about the breaking of some windows in the Goldblatt Department Store about two years ago, and that he would go to movies and if they showed pictures of the President, he would slash the seat cushions with a knife.

Special agent WALTER J. DEVEREUX of this office was then contacted and he said that he has been familiar with WERNECKE and his activities over the past few years and that MISS MISAVICE'S allegations contained no information of which we were not already aware. He stated that WERNECKE had been in this office on a number of occasions.

MISS MISAVICE also stated that the aforementioned MONA MARSHALL, WERNECKE'S housekeeper had died about one year ago and that her death was the result of WERNECKE'S beatings.

MISS MISAVICE stated that for three years she had worked as a stenographer in the law office of one HERBERT M. WETZEL, 105 West Madison; that WETZEL is WERNECKE'S attorney and that she had heard him [illegible] remarks which indicated that he believed WERNECKE was fortunate not to have been prosecuted for MISS MARSHALL'S death.

MISS MISAVICE also stated that WERNECKE had made frequent improper advances to her during the time she lived with him and that she had had immoral relations with him on numerous occasions. She stated that the only reason she engaged in these relations was that she was afraid of WERNECKE.

On a few occasions, the last in July of 1940, interstate trips were made with WERNECKE in his automobile and sexual relations were had in other states. However, there was only one interstate trip within the last three years and the immoral relations had been going on for five years prior to that trip so it could not be said in such instance that the trip was for an immoral purpose: the

immoral relations were incidental to the trip. Accordingly and since there was never any commercial aspect involved, no investigation of a possible White Slave Traffic Act violation is contemplated (This was discussed with Acting Special Agent in Charge, JOHNSON).

In this connection it should be pointed out that MISS MISAVICE is an extremely dejected, beaten sort of person who made a number of contradictory remarks during the course of the interview.

Subsequently, MR. WILLIAM COYNE, who is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, provided the writer with four citations which he contended established that a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act had occurred--257F413, 266F55, 11F$_2$499, 260F926. However, these cases were examined by the writer in his spare time, out of curiosity, and none of them is parallel to the present set of circumstances: in none of them was there anything like a five year period of immoral relations prior to the interstate trip in question.

MISS MISAVICE advised that she left the WERNECKE household about October 15th of this year because of his beatings and that since that time, WERNECKE has been endeavoring to locate her and force her to return and live with him. She said he was afraid she would reveal information concerning him. MR. and MRS. COYNE are acquaintances with whom she has been staying. The COYNES are also acquaintances of WERNECKE and he has been bothering them about the return of MISS MISAVICE.

They stated that the anonymous telephone call received at this office was from one of WERNECKE'S associates and that they are afraid that he will really do violence to them. The writer recommended that the COYNES and MISS MISAVICE consult with Officer PERRY of the Summerdale Police regarding the obtaining of a peace bond to protect them from possible molestation by WERNECKE. They also discussed the possibility of having him committed to an institution for the mentally incompetent.

Memo for File 65-582
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On November 17th, MR. WILLIAM COYNE again called at this office and exhibited two penny postcards which he had received through the mail. On each card there was an unsigned, rather incoherent statement of inferentially lewd nature. MR. COYNE stated that he believes these cards were sent by WERNECKE and that they might constitute extortion. However, neither of the cards contained a threat of any kind and there was absolutely no evidence of an intent to extort. Each card contained merely a strictly declaratory statement. Accordingly, no further action is contemplated on this phase of the situation. MR. COYNE also stated that he plans to institute civil proceedings for slander against WERNECKE.

On November 19, 1941, MR. LINDSEY, President, Dry-Zero Corporation, MR. COYNE'S employer, telephonically advised that a man had phoned him and said he was Agent ROBERTS of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and asked MR. LINDSEY if he had any additional information from COYNE. MR. LINDSEY stated that he parried with this individual for a time and then suddenly asked him, "What is your home phone number, MR. WERNECKE," and he answered, "Briargate 8254.", which is WERNECKE'S home unlisted telephone number. MR. LINDSEY also stated that the voice resembled WERNECKE'S.

MR. WILLIAM WERNECKE appeared at this office on November 22 and requested to see the writer. He was interviewed at some length and categorically denied all accusations. He made a number of counter-accusation, all obviously of an untrue nature. He was cautioned by the writer in the strongest kind of language to cease his depredations, and above all, to avoid any semblance of impersonating a Federal Officer.

It is believed by the writer that MR. WERNECKE is a bold, crafty individual with probable psychopathic tendencies and that he will not cease his activities.

Respectfully submitted,

WBH:mf

WILLIAM B. HELME,
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois
December 12, 1941

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, INTERNAL SECURITY G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION.

RETEL DECEMBER TWELFTH TO ARREST SUBJECT. FILE REFLECTS SUBJECT

BORN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND IS A CITIZEN. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN.

JOHNSON, Acting

END.

WJD: AO
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEC 12 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	1/12/42	12/28/41	J. W. CHURCHWARD HN

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, alias "Hitler"; MARTHA C. WERNECKE, with aliases: Mrs. Wernecke, "Mrs. Von Ribbentrop"; ERNEST SCHARF, alias "Goering"; MARCELIA, alias "Mousie"; FRANZ; YACQUI.	ESPIONAGE (G)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM WERNECKE born in Chicago Jan. 21, 1907. No record of the citizenship status of MRS. MARTHA WERNECKE at Immigration and Naturalization Bureau.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY, made at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 3, 1941.

Teletype to the Bureau dated Dece. 12, 1941.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois

This case is being reopened in order to report the citizenship status of the subject, which information was previously furnished to the Bureau by teletype dated December 12, 1941, and also to report additional information concerning the subject, WILLIAM WERNECKE, which was furnished to this office by MISS MARCELLA [illegible] and Dr. WILLIAM COMM, 6241 Greenview Avenue.

According to the report of Special Agent W. W. GREGORY, dated October 3, 1941, the subject stated in his Selective Service questionnaire that he was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 21, 1907.

A check was made at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Chicago, to ascertain the citizenship status of the subject, MRS. MARTHA

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WERNECKE, but MR. ZENO REAM at that office advised that there was no record of her citizenship status at that office.

The agent then contacted MR. JOHNSTON at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, who advised that it was not possible to check the birth records at that office without being previously furnished with the date of birth of the subject.

A memorandum is contained in the subject's file at the Chicago Office, dated December 3, 1941, which stated that at 8:30 A. M. on November 10, 1941, an anonymous telephone call was received from a man who stated that one MARCELLA MISAVICE was being detained against her will at 6341 Greenview Avenue, on the third floor, c/o COYNE. The man would not reveal his name, nor would he give any additional information, but requested that an investigation be made. This information was telephonically turned over to Sgt. E. J. McNALLY of the Summerdale Police Department, who stated that the matter would be looked into. b6 b7C b7D

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On November 15, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. COYNE, MISS ALICE JOCKEY, who is MRS. COYNE'S sister, and [redacted] aged [redacted] called at this office, and in the course of a lengthy interview supplied the following information to Special Agent WILLIAM B. HELME of the Chicago Field Office.

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WERNECKE had treated his housekeeper, one MONA MARSHALL. During this period, WERNECKE frequently visited at the [redacted] home and attempted to [redacted]. When she was [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that WERNECKE was outspoken, pro-Nazi, and engaged in numerous un-American activities, such as receiving literature, possessing firearms, making speeches, and holding meetings. She stated that he was a member of the Silver Shirts and the German American Bund, and that he had discussed assassinating the president of the United States. She stated that he knew the facts about the breaking of some windows in Goldblatt's Department Store, and that when he went to the movies, if they showed pictures of the president, he would slash the seat cushions with a knife.

[redacted] stated that for three years she had worked as a stenographer in the law office of one HERBERT M. WETZEL, 105 West Madison Street; that WETZEL is WERNECKE'S attorney, and that she had heard him drop remarks which indicated that he believed WERNECKE was fortunate not to have been prosecuted for MISS MARSHALL'S death.

Special Agent [redacted] stated in his memorandum that it should be pointed out that [redacted] is an extremely dejected, beaten sort of person, who made a number of contradictory remarks during the course of the interview.

In view of the fact that there are no other outstanding leads, this case is being closed.

- CLOSED -

Full name of subject ERNEST Goering

Address R.R.I Frankfort, Ill Date same was good 12/26/41

Nationalistic tendency Germany.

Statement of acts or conversations:

Informant stated that Subj works for the steel works in S. Chgo. Subj is a radical pro-German. He told his neighbors that he had information concerning every move that Hitler has made to date + that Hitler was going to take over the U.S.A.

Subj. sent a daughter to a German School 2 1/2 yrs. ago & she is still in Germany.

Description of Subject: Age____ Hair____
Height____ Eyes____
Weight____ Complexion____
Build____ Peculiarities____

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Citizenship status____

Date and source of citizenship information____

Name of complainant Andrew Kerr

Address St. Anne, Ill Telephone No. 49 + 100

Department of Justice

IN REPLY REFER TO INITIALS AND NUMBER

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OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
450 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE
CHICAGO

March 21, 1942.

Mr. A. H. Johnson,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

In re: William Wernecke, 6250 Wayne Av.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly submit to this office all of the information which you may have in your files concerning William Wernecke whom, I understand, is a German alien.

Yours very truly,

J. ALBERT WOLL,
United States Attorney.

3/26/42
Communication
advised orally
by Inspector Clemmer
Sent from

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION
HEADQUARTERS FORT SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS

March 16, 1942.

Summary of Information: Ernest Henry Scharf

Subject is allegedly pro-Nazi in sentiment and feeling.

Present address of subject is Junior Terrace, Des Plains, Illinois; he has been in residence here for 3 months. Former address: 4837 Louise Ave., Skokie, Illinois; he was in residence here for 4 months.

By his own admission subject was in the habit of reading the FREE AMERICAN. He has admittedly frequented the tavern of Paul Schmidt, Dundee & Elmhurst Roads, Cook Co., Illinois on an average of twice a week, and has visited the Kino Theatre. Likewise by his own admission he knows Dr. Silge and Paul Warnholtz. He was a member of the German-American Bund shooting club, located at Milburn, route 45, Illinois.

Evaluation of source of information

XX	Reliable XX
	Credible
	Undetermined
	Questionable

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2
U. S. POST OFFICE BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

SHP/rmt

March 24, 1942.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

B 000.52 -WERNECKE, William L.

Mr. A. H. Johnson
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to ERNEST SCHARF, alias "Goering" mentioned in your case report dated November 30, 1940, and prior reports in your file #65-582 and file #65-271.

Inclosed is copy of Summary of Information re ERNEST HENRY SCHARF for your information.

Very truly yours,

For the Acting A. C. of S., G-2

P. F. BOYER,
Captain, M.I.
Chief, Investigative Division.

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Summary of Inform. re ERNEST HENRY SCHARF, 3/16/42, file No.B 000.52-WERNECKE, Wm.L.

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THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITS WILL BE FOUND IN THE ENVELOPE IN THE FILE FOLDER:

1A. Booklet entitled "JOING COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS"

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 27, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

RE: Mrs. Martha Wernecke
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 19, 1941, to all Special Agents in Charge enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief of the Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice, relative to the classification, as to dangerousness, of the individuals under consideration for custodial detention and the classification, as to sufficiency, of the evidence upon which the dangerousness classification is made.

Please be advised that information has now been received from the Special Defense Unit that

Mrs. Martha Wernecke
6250 Wayne Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

has been tentatively placed in:

_____Group A. Individuals believed to be the most dangerous and who in all probability should be interned in event of War.

_____Group B. Individuals believed to be somewhat less dangerous but whose activities should be restricted.

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_____Group C. Individuals believed to be the least dangerous and who need not be restricted in absence of additional information, but should be subjected to general surveillance.

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The evidence relating to Subject has been classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

_____1. Sufficient to establish the charges upon which the dangerous classification was made.

x
_____2. Not satisfactory to substantiate the charges.

With respect to citizenship status, Subject has been tentatively classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

_____(A) An alien

_____(N) A naturalized citizen

x
_____(NB) A native born citizen

The above classifications are subject to revision in the light of additional information and you will be promptly informed of any revision of the status of the above named individual.

This investigation must be given preferred and expeditious attention in accordance with existing Bureau instructions and concluded at the earliest possible date. The citizenship status of Subject should be definitely ascertained as soon as possible where this has not already been done.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THOMAS E. KENNEDY
SHERIFF

OFFICE OF SHERIFF
STATE OF ILLINOIS
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WALTER L. ATKINSON
CHIEF DEPUTY

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April
8th
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Mr. A.H. Johnson
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

Re: WILLIAM L. WERNICKE

Reference your letter of:
AUGUST 27, 1940 and
SEPTEMBER 16, 1940.

Dear Mr. Johnson

With further reference to the captioned individual Subject of a previous investigation by the Bureau, and an investigation by the writer.

For your information I received information this date from FRANK TIFFANY, Chief of Police of LAKE FOREST, Illinois, that he had occasion recently to talk with the captioned individual whom he stopped when he observed him driving an automobile in LAKE FOREST.

Chief TIFFANY was aware that Subject had been investigated by the writer and furnished the following information, that Subject was driving a black 1937 Hudson-Terraplane automobile bearing Illinois 1942 License #1-0744-720,

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CHICAGO

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THOMAS E. KENNEDY, SHERIFF, LAKE COUNTY
COUNTY BUILDING, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

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Mr. A.H. Johnson

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the records of the office of EDWARD J. HUGHES, Secretary of State disclose that this license was issued to WILLIAM WERNECKE at HUNTLEY, Illinois, for a 1937 Terraplane Sedan Motor #350213.

Mr. DEVEREAUX's letter of August 27, 1940 stated that Subjects address at that time was 6250 WAYNE Avenue, CHICAGO, and that he supposedly maintained a brokerage office at 30 North LASALLE Street, I am,

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Kennedy

SHERIFF NPA 14

City of Lake Forest
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Lake Forest, Illinois

April 8, 1942

Mr. A. H. Johnson
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: Your File No 65-582

William Bernard Wernecke of the above file no. is now driving a Terraplane Car which bears Ill. 42 license number 1-074-720. I thought you would like to have this information to add to your file on the above party.

Yours very truly

Frank Tiffany

Chief of Police

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105 NORTH CLARK STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

STATE 4210

Chicago, Illinois,

April 13, 1942.

Mr. A. H. Johnson,

Special Agent in Charge,

My dear Mr. Johnson,

Enclosed are several articles pertaining to one, William B. Wernecke, 6350 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. For my conversation with, Special Agent, Mr. Hosteny of your staff as to same. A sample of his handwriting, a Postal card mailed from, Washington, on his visit to see Mr. Dies. His, 1942, License number is, 570...420, on a , 1938 Hudson car, one he drives constantly. Application blank, Military Institute, type he filled out, 2, c[illegible] wash receipts, for his car, with, 1941, License number on same. Friends of his, Venette Coyne, 6341 North Greenview Ave, Phone, Sheldrake, 6426, Louise Yockey, Francis Yockey, same address. Lakeview Sports Shop, Belmont near Damen Ave. Continental Travel Bureau, 1617 West. Belmont Ave. Mueller Travel Agency, 2360 No. Lincoln Ave. Jennys Restaurant, 1731 West. Madison Street, Phone Haymarket, 9846, hangout for, Facists, Pro, Germans, Italians. Gus part owner here very friendly with W. W. Rev. Richter, at, 82 West. Washington Street, Room, 523, also a close friend of same. Further information will be sent your office at a later, date.

With Kindest Regards,

Robert Brown, Director of Investigat[illegible]

Illinois Vigilance Association, Inc.

P. S. Joint Committee of, Patriotic Organizations, is Inc, in State of Illinois, by, William Wernecke, Martha Wernecke, and a third party.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

April 15, 1942

Mr. Robert Brown
Director of Investigation
Illinois Vigilance Association, Inc.
105 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brown:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent communication in which you furnish information believed to be of value to this Office.

Your interest in calling this matter to my attention is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours

A. H. Johnson

A. H. JOHNSON
Acting Special Agent in Charge

65-582-145

April 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

Re: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

This is to record information furnished by ROBERT BROWN, Chief Investigator for the Illinois Vigilante Commission, on April 10, 1942.

BROWN declared the subject is a former member of the German Bund and they first met one another in 1934. He advised the subject had registered for Selective Service as a conscientious objector despite the fact that he has had courses in military training at the University of Chicago, where his cap number was reportedly 3036. BROWN stated the subject informed him he had joined the courses at the University of Chicago for the purpose of learning how to make bombs. BROWN stated the subject always saluted him in the Bund fashion; that he had a farm 40 miles from Rockford, on which he has a pistol range where he frequently practices target shooting. He stated the subject always carries with him a camera and camera equipment, which had been given to him by MRS. DONETH, an alien residing at 629 Webster, which action was the result of MRS. DONETH'S desire to circumvent the confiscation of her camera inasmuch as she is an alien. He advised that MR. OTTO DONETH was a chef at the Officer's Club in Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He further informed that the subject was friendly with HOMER MAERZ, who is a well known Bund member in the Chicago area and obtains his military equipment from J. E. ELLIOTT, 14 North Franklin Street, Chicago.

He advised the subject seems to have plenty of money at all times although he has no apparent occupation. He informed the subject and his associates congregate at Jennie's Restaurant at 1721 West Madison Street, and that he is friendlywith the following persons: LARRY REYNOLD, supposedly a pro-Fascist, address unknown, telephone Delaware 4157, FREDERICK CAPPETTA, 215 E. 26th Street, a tailor, REV. LISTER, 82 West Washington Street, Room 507 or 508. He advised the subject possesses two Hudson automobiles, one of which bore 1941 Illinois registration 186-612.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. HOSTENY,
Special Agent.

RNH:MG

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
APR 16 1942
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

735 Federal Building
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 9, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir:

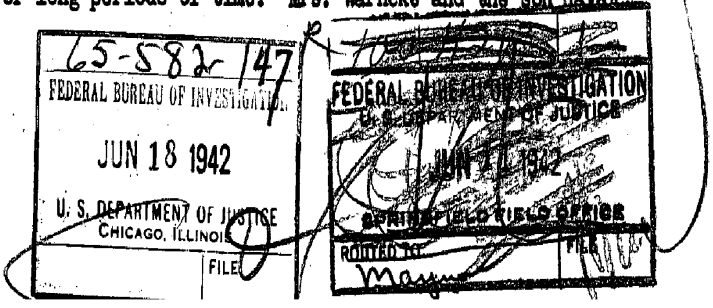
On February 21, 1942 George O'Brien, Sheriff of Walworth County, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, informed this office that a Dr. W. E. Cristner, an osteopath at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, had some information in reference to a German Bund operation in Illinois.

This office requested Sheriff O'Brien to re-interview Dr. Cristner by letter dated February 27, 1942. The following communication dated March 20, 1942 was received from the Walworth County Wisconsin Sheriff's Department:

"LaVerne Jones, who is a brother-in-law of the above named, is employed by Mrs. M. C. Warncke, Route #1, Huntley, Illinois, as a tenant farmer. The son of Mrs. M. C. Warncke, who is in the twenties, is also interested in this farm. The mother says she is employed in an A & P Store in the City of Chicago. The son is claiming military exemption because of his operating the farm.

"Last summer when Jones was employed by Mrs. Warncke, he was told that he would have to join the German Bund. This he refused; and they told him to think it over for a little while. They asked him again to join, and he said he would quit his job before joining that kind of an organization. They did not press him further to become a member. On one occasion last summer in the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, while Mrs. Warncke, her son, and Jones were eating in a restaurant, the son, in his conversation, talked very loud in his praise for the way Hitler was proceeding in Europe. A woman who sat at another adjoining table got up, came over, and slapped him in the face. He said nothing further.

"During the summer and last fall at the farm at Huntley on weekends groups of people would come to the Warncke farm and be in the farm home for long periods of time. Mrs. Warncke and the son have



"instructed Jones never to discuss with any one the affairs of the owners of the farm or what he might have seen or heard. In February this year the Warnckes brought to the farm a large picture of Hitler and a great deal of Nazi literature which is now stored in a cabin on the farm.

"I believe that a good way to contact LaVerne Jones would be to write him, using a plain envelope, designating an appointment time in the City of Huntley, Illinois, as he does not know at what time during the week the Warnckes will be at home."

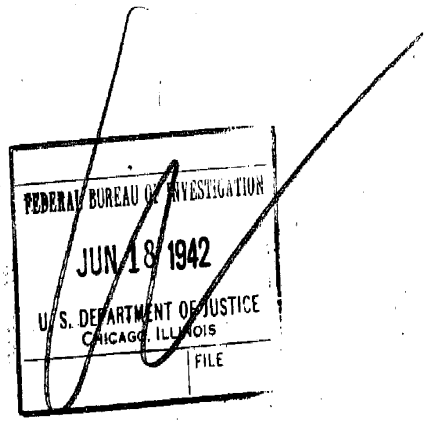
It will be noted that the above communication reflected that Joseph A. Dorr, Deputy Sheriff, had conducted the investigation set out therein. In view of the fact that the Warncke family apparently resides in your Field Division territory, the results of the interview of Dr. Cristner are being transmitted to you for whatever action you deem advisable in the premises.

No further investigation will be conducted by this Field Division, and this matter is being treated as referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
June 17, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

RE: Mrs. M. C. WARNCKE
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a letter received from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Field Division under date of June 9, 1942 concerning the above named subject.

In view of the fact that Huntley, Illinois is in the Chicago Field Division's territory, no investigation will be conducted by this Field Division and this matter is being treated as referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

A. H. CROWL
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Milwaukee

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Enc.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 18 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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Chicago, Illinois
July 2, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

RE: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

This is to record information obtained from WERNECKE on Tuesday, June 30, 1942 and to further supplement memorandum submitted by Special Agent G. D. O'CONNOR June 29, 1942 in reference to the same individual.

For future reference it is noted that WERNECKE advised that he resides at 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, that his home phone is Briargate 8824 and if he cannot be reached at home he can generally be reached at the DONATH residence, telephone Lincoln 0405.

WERNECKE advised that he first met HERBERT HAUPT in about 1938 at the German Bund headquarters. He remembered the first meeting due to the fact that HERBERT, or as he called him, HERBIE, had gotten into a fist fight. From that time on WERNECKE stated that HAUPT with his girl friend and other boys and girls, used to call at the WERNECKE farm on Sundays for the purpose of going horseback riding. He stated that he had also encouraged the acquaintanceship with HAUPT due to the fact that he, WERNECKE, had been expelled from the German Bund; that due to the fact that HAUPT at that time was still connected with the Bund, he, WERNECKE, was able to learn from HAUPT what the officials of the Bund had to say concerning his dismissal. He advised that at the time he was connected with the German Bund the Bund was headed by ALBERT KOLB, OTTO WILLUMEIT, and GEORGE FROBOESE. He explained that these men had caused him to be expelled from the Bund because they were of the opinion he was trying to take some of the trade away from the Bund when he started what he called the North Side Council of Safety. He explained this organization was started by him for the purpose of getting together a group of people who would fight Communism. He stated that he had written to several organizations similar to the one he organized and asked to join these organizations. He explained that all of the organizations he wrote to had been formed, according to his understanding, for the purpose of fighting Communism. He stated that there were no well-known organizations such as he formed, and much less one that had been termed of national organization. He stated that he also used to go to NEWTON JENKINS' meetings at the time NEWTON JENKINS controlled the so-called Third Party and at that time NEWTON JENKINS had helped swing the election for President ROOSEVELT in the State of Illinois and that Party was made up of LEMKE, FRAZIER, COUGHLINITES and TOWNSENDITES, and further explained that he stopped attending these meetings when JENKINS severed relations with the Third Party. He stated that JENKINS wanted ICKES job and upon failing to get this became disgruntled and more or less dropped out of the Party.

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MEMO FOR SAC;
RE: W.B. Wernecke, 7/2/42

WERNECKE stated that in connection with HAUPT he felt that HAUPT would not have come to his farm or continued with the friendship had it not been for the opportunity to go horseback riding; that in his opinion, HAUPT was a show-off and was at his height in front of a group of girls. HAUPT was a great talker and tall story-teller and because of this fact nobody believed HAUPT. He stated that he knew that HAUPT used to go with GERDA MELLMD and that one time HAUPT came to him and seemed to be elated because of the fact GERDA had taken iodine to poison herself in an attempt to commit suicide and as a result had been taken to the Edgewater Hospital. He advised that this had happened about the winter of 1940.

WERNECKE stated that upon HAUPT'S return to Chicago from the West Coast, believing that HAUPT had been in California, HAUPT had told him, as well as other people together at the time they had met, that he, HAUPT, had been in Mexico. HAUPT had told all about Mexico, how he had been on a plantation, how he had been digging for gold in the hills, how he had been associating with Generals' daughters, and that he, HAUPT could have been the head of a plantation in Mexico. WERNECKE said he had heard that at the time HAUPT left Chicago for the express purpose of going to California, HAUPT had been accompanied by one WOLFGANG VARGIN (it is believed this is WOLFGANG WERGIN) and that a third boy whom he did not know, had also accompanied these two to California. Upon being asked if the third person was a boy by the name of MUDD, he stated that he believed that was correct and that he had seen MUDD later, after his return from California but had not talked with this boy and did not know his last name or know him very well or how to get in touch with him.

WERNECKE advised that it was his impression that prior to leaving for California he had heard both HAUPT and WERGIN express the desire to return to Germany. They both had told him that they had signed up with the Chicago movement to return to Germany but had not been called. It was his impression that the signing referred to for the return to Germany had been done in the Consul's Office which at that time was headed by HEDERLING. WERNECKE stated that HAUPT had said he wanted to return to Germany because of better opportunities and that he was under the impression that WERGIN had only signed at the Consul's office and expressed his desire to return to Germany because of HAUPT. He was under the impression that WERGIN was a very young lad, easily lead and more or less idolized HAUPT.

Memo for CAD
Re: W.D. Hornecke, 7/2/42

HORNECKE was of the opinion that GERDA and HAUPT should have been engaged and upon being questioned relative to this statement he said that this opinion was formed only due to the fact that they had been going together for such a long period of time. He stated further that while HAUPT was going with GERDA he also used to hang out at the home of ALICE YOCKEY, 6341 Greenview Avenue and that on various occasions he and his girl friend MARCELLA used to double-date with HAUPT and ALICE YOCKEY. On one occasion they had taken a trip, the four of them, to Muskegon, Michigan for the express purpose of getting some papers out of a safety deposit box in a bank in that city. Upon their return from Muskegon it became late at night and they had stopped at a hotel. The two girls had taken a room on the seventh floor and the two boys had taken a room on the fourth floor. At this time ALICE YOCKEY became very angry with MARCELLA because MARCELLA would not exchange rooms with the boys so that ALICE could sleep with HAUPT. He stated that he also became very angry over the situation because of the fact that when MARCELLA refused to make the exchange suggested by ALICE, she, ALICE YOCKEY, had come to their room and stayed the rest of the night regardless of the fact that he, HORNECKE, was in the room. He stated that because of this he had become very angry and had refused to accompany ALICE or HAUPT on any more trips. He was of the opinion that HAUPT was very friendly with ALICE YOCKEY'S brother, EDWARD YOCKEY. He believed that HAUPT had visited in Ludington, Michigan with EDWARD YOCKEY on several occasions but did not believe that HAUPT had contacted the YOCKEY family after his return this last time because of the fact that [illegible] did not know the present address of the family.

[illegible] stated that HAUPT had advised him that he had got a position at the Simpson Optical [illegible] by contacting MR. KOCH of this firm. He said that he knew that MR. KOCH'S son, HEINTZ KOCH, had been studying in Germany and was in the Hitler Youth Movement. HEINTZ had come back to the United States just prior to the war and visited at his farm, at which time he had worn the German Student's uniform.

HORNECKE stated that during the period he had been associating with HAUPT since his return that he had driven out to ERNIE SCHARFF'S home and while out there, HAUPT had enlarged upon his experiences in Mexico and during his talk had mentioned the fact that the British had been dropping clothing rationing cards over Germany and at this point, ERNIE SCHARFF questioned HAUPT as to how he knew this and HAUPT replied by stating that they got a lot of magazines in Mexico that people did not get in the United States

MEMO FOR SAC,
RE: W.B. Wernecke, 7/2/42

He stated that they had also gone to Martin's Second-Hand Store on Custer Street in Evanston, which store is located next to the George Washington Laundry; that they had only gone to the store in order to buy a suit for a friend with them (it is noted that the details of this information is set forth in reference memo). It is noted that at this time WERNECKE advised that when he accompanied HAUPT to a Doctor's Office on the South Side he gave the name which was DR. FRED OTTEN, 39th and South Park, and explained that he had taken HAUPT to this Doctor because Dr. OTTEN was their family Doctor. WERNECKE explained that he had engaged in several political arguments with HAUPT and felt that as a result of these arguments that HAUPT'S heart was set on Germany. He also stated that he was of the opinion that HAUPT at times only expressed his parents' thoughts because HAUPT was not in a position to know of conditions in Germany in the manner in which he talked about them.

WERNECKE as aforementioned, stated that he was under the impression that HAUPT and GERDA had talked about getting married; that HAUPT had told him that he and GERDA had engaged in a terrible fight at the HAUPT home the night of HAUPT'S return to Chicago. WERNECKE stated that HAUPT had told him that upon his return to Chicago, he had gone to his Aunt's home (evidently the FRIEDELL home) and had the Aunt call his, HAUPT'S, mother and tell he was home in order that his return would not be such a shock. WERNECKE was of the opinion that HAUPT'S mother must have [illegible] upon learning of HAUPT'S return; when HEINE went [illegible], GERDA must have [illegible] at the home. The reason for this was a statement by HAUPT that he, HAUPT, was surprised by [illegible] having GERDA at the home [illegible].

It was deemed advisable to obtain a description of WERNECKE while he was interviewed at the office and this description is set forth as follows:

Name	WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE (Born under name WILLIAM BERNARD CHADBOURNE)
Residence	6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago,
Age	35; born 1/21/07, Chicago
Height	5'11
Weight	190
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Blue

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Complexion	Fair
Build	Stocky
Parents	Mother, MARTHA C. [redacted]
	Father, ([redacted], deceased)

[redacted] advised in connection with his name that he was the only child and heir to the [redacted] estate and due to the pressure brought by the [redacted] family his mother had taken back her maiden name and had also changed his name to [redacted]. He explained that he obtained a grammar school education in Chicago, attended Stevensville, Michigan high school, a St. Albans High School at Sycamore, Illinois, and graduated from the Luther Institute in Chicago in 1926. He stated that he attended YMCA College for a period of three years where he pursued a general college course at night school. He explained that between 1926 and 1931 he was a member of the real estate firm of W.L. and W.B. [redacted]; that from 1931 to date, he has been handling his mother's real estate; that he is a real estate appraiser ; that he has raised horses at his farm in Libertyville, Illinois and that he did some training, having become a licensed trainer at the Arlington Park [redacted] track.

[redacted] at the time of reinterview, reiterated his statements set forth in the memorandum submitted by Special Agent [redacted]. Due to the duplication, these statements where they appear identical are not included herein.

[redacted]

E. D. DIXON,
Special Agent (A)

EDD:mf

Chicago, Illinois
August 7, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE #25-5976:

RE: WILLIAM D. WHITCHE
SELECTIVE SERVICE

The following information is being submitted in order to set forth all of the leaflets and propaganda contained in the WHITCHE exhibit folder.

Contained in the exhibit folder of Section I of file #65-502 entitled WILLIAM [illegible] there are three leaflets entitled "Beware The British Serpent". These leaflets were furnished to the Chicago Office by various individuals.

On May 27, 1940 Mr. ROBERT A. FISCHER, 4609 Malden Street called at the Chicago Office and furnished a typed circular which is printed in red and states "Beware The British Serpent." Mr. FISCHER found this circular lying on the street in front of 4057 Malden Street but could furnish no information concerning its origin. The other circulars of this same type were also furnished by individuals who did not know their origin. It is not known definitely whether this has been linked to WHITCHE.

Other leaflets in this file are set out as follows:

One pamphlet entitled "Protest Defense Mass Meeting"
This leaflet states that the meeting was held under the auspices of the friends of Reverend Father [illegible].

Two pamphlets entitled "Jewish Pranks in Chicago"
[illegible]
operated the above mentioned book store at the headquarters of the German-American Bund during 1939.

One leaflet also torn from the book entitled "The New Nationalism vs. Racial Communism"

The above mentioned leaflets were furnished to this office by Mr. JACK [illegible] of the office of the Illinois Vigilance Committee.

In Section II of file #65-502 the following pieces of literature and leaflets may be found:

[illegible]

One postcard bearing four small pictures showing the British running away from Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. Under these pictures are the words "I have helped the Norwegians, the Dutch and the Belgians and I particularly helped the French but now who is going to help me."

One pamphlet entitled "World Service"
One pamphlet entitled "An Outline of the Situation As I See It"
This is an extract of a speech by HITLER on the occasion of the completion of the war in France.

One pamphlet entitled "A Nation In Concentration Camps"

One leaflet entitled "Murder At Sea"

All of the above propaganda leaflets were received by WERNICKE and he turned them over to this office on October 29, 1940. WERNICKE stated that he had been receiving this type of literature for the past several years from the Deutsche Fichte Bund Agency in Hamburg, Germany. He stated he has long been on their mailing list and has made no effort to disconnect himself therewith. He said it is obviously Nazi propaganda although he reads it to get the German point of view. He said the treatment given by the D.F.B. concerning Jews is especially good. WERNICKE furnished this information to Special Agent R. S. GARNER.

In file #65-502, serial 117 which is a report of Special Agent [illegible]. GREGORY dated August 15, 1941 on page 4 appears the following information:

Special Agent GREGORY contacted WERNICKE at his home and WERNICKE advised him that a package of literature from Germany was delivered to the [illegible] to the Post Office would not [illegible] to call it with his Counsel as it contained propaganda. The last package of propaganda actually received by WERNICKE was in March of 1941 and it contained 50 copies of literature from Germany. WERNICKE stated at that time that most of this literature was loaned to friends and that a part of it had been returned to him. He further advised that he had received this literature by sending a postcard to an information agency in Germany.

Also contained in the exhibit folder of Section II of file #65-502 are the following leaflets:

One leaflet showing Uncle Sam wrapped in an American Flag with a Jewish family marching over him and singing God Bless America.

One leaflet entitled "We Are For Defense" and "Against the Hysteria Antics of Mr. LaGuardia and his ilk."

This pamphlet was published by the "To The Mothers' Mobilize for America."

One leaflet put out by the White Army, temporary headquarters, room 512, 10 North Clark Street.

One pamphlet put out by the "Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee, 77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

One pamphlet entitled "His Hour of Glory For What" put out by "To the Mothers Mobilize for America"

All of the above leaflets were also furnished to this office by Mr. JACK [illegible] of the Illinois Vigilance Committee who stated that he received these leaflets from subject [illegible].

Also found in the exhibit folder of Section II, file #25-502 was a letter written on stationery of the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations addressed to Mr. [illegible], Illinois Vigilance Association, 105 North Clark Street. This letter is signed by ARTHUR MORGAN, Chairman of the Christian Defense Committee. It should be noted that ARTHUR MORGAN is an alias which has been used by subject [illegible].

Also in the exhibit folder of Section II file #25-502 is a booklet containing information and a membership card belonging to JACK [illegible] of the Gentile Mothers Party of America. It also contains an "Application for Enrollment in the Silver Shirt Legion of America" This is signed by [illegible].

The folder also contains a [illegible] copy of the Daily News dated [illegible], [illegible] Organizations. This information definitely connects [illegible] with the Silver Shirt organization.

Respectfully submitted,

P. V. [illegible]
Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

July 7, 1942

RE: WILLIAM WERNECKE
HERBERT HANS HAUPT
SABOTAGE

On the evening of July 3, 1942 MR. EDWARD STROPE of 936 Concord Place, Chicago, Illinois contacted this office and advised that he thought he had some information with regard to the connections of the Nazi spies who were recently picked up by the FBI.

Strope advised that in 1939 he had worked in Wadsworth, Illinois at the Millcreek Hunt Club which was operated at that time by one WILLIAM WERNECKE whose present address is 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago. Strope did not relate his capacity with the club or the exact nature of his duties but stated that he had been fairly close to Wernecke and knew that at one time the club had been investigated by the FBI, and that one of the men by the name of Robert Lee had made inquiry of him regarding the activities of Wernecke in connection with the German Bund, to establish the fact that the Millcreek Hunt Club was connected with the persons in this country who were pro-Nazi. Strope recalled articles of specific dates in 1940, namely October 13, at which time some articles had appeared in the Chicago Sunday Times regarding the move being made by the Government against the Nazis in Wadsworth, Ill. Strope related that at this time he was not connected with the hunt club but that from his recollection of the persons who had visited there and the recent picture of Herbert Hans Haupt which he had seen in the newspapers, he was fairly certain that Haupt and Wernecke were closely connected. He advised that the description of Haupt compared very accurately with the description of a young man who used to come to the Millcreek club and who he recalled had lived on Fremont Avenue in Chicago.

Strope also recalled that at one time Wernecke and a person who he thought was Haupt had talked in regard to the use of some sealed binoculars and about a special lens which Haupt was going to make or have prepared for the binoculars. The binoculars were to be used by Wernecke for some purpose.

Strope related that he is presently employed at the American Brush Company at 1115 North Franklin Street in Chicago and he has recently noticed that Wernecke has been hanging around the factory. He does not

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know the reason for which Wernecke has been hanging around the factory. He does not know why Wernecke would be in that vicinity but he knows that he was formerly connected with the Bund and members of the Bund who used to live in the vicinity of north Western Avenue in Chicago. It was also redalled that Wernecke used to associate with RICHARD STARR of 5714 West Byron Street, Chicago, and CLARENCE OTT of 4249 N. Winchester Avenue in Chicago.

Strope advised that the purpose of his communication with this office was to enable the present investigation regarding the Nazi spies to be connected with the previous investigation conducted by this Bureau in connection with the Millcreek Hunt Club at Wadsworth, Ill. The description of Haupt and the picture as obtained from the newspapers was said to tally very closely with that of the individual who had visited Wernecke at the Millcreek Hunt Club, and Strope was of the opinion that there was a definite tieup between the two individuals, and that this information might be of value in the present investigation.

A check of the indices and files of the Chicago office has indicated that there was some connection between the William Wernecke in question and Herbert Hans Haupt. It was also revealed that the Chicago office has a file on RICHARD STARR, file 61-184.

P. P. SCHNEIDER,

Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: WM. WERNECKE

The following exhibit will be found in an envelope in the ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ exhibit drawer:

A. Blue folder entitled JOINT COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS PHOTOSTATS - AUGUST - 1941. Folder contains following:
"What Do These Hebrews Here?"
"The New Nationalsim vs. Racial Communism".
Letter to Mr. Philip Yarrow from Arthur Morgan. Letterhead entitled "JOINT COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS".
Miscellaneous data (Mimeographed) on WILLIAM L. WERNECKE.
List of individuals who attended meeting of Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations at 4220 N. Lincoln Avenue.
Bulletin "Protest Defense Mass Meeting"
Jewish Fram-Up in Chicago
Song "God Save America".
Bulletins "We Are for Defense"
Bulletin "WORDS! WORDS! WORDS!"
Bulletin "Mr. President: We want you to keep our country out of European Politics and Out of War".
Membership certificate "Gentile Workers Party of America".
Application for Council
Photo. cc. of newspaper article in Daily Times entitled "Col. Blackey' and 'patricts' get a charter.
Copy of letter to Mr. [illegible] Relief [illegible] Hotel from JOINT COMMITTEE OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS.
Bulletin "[illegible] OF CLAWY - - [illegible] 'AS?"

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